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Everton's Mike Pejic shields the ball from Don Shanks of Queens Park Rangers.

THIRD ROUND SENSATIONS...

HERE are 22 clubs in the First Division — and they'll join in the F.A. Cup fray in the Third Round on Saturday (6th January).

Of those 22 though, only a mere four have never played in at least one Final.

And, amongst them, Spurs have the perfect record — 100 per cent. They've played in five F.A. Cup Finals — and won 'em all.

When it comes to Semi-Finals, no one this season can beat the all-time record of West Bromwich with 18 appearances — although both Villa and Everton, only one behind, could match it.

Of course, no comment on top sides can ever ignore Manchester United.

Statistically, maybe United have only three Wembley triumphs to their credit — but, in post-War years alone, they've also been there on three more occasions, and have been beaten Semi-Finalists in six more seasons.

In the five successive campaigns from 1961-62 to 1965-66, they were never once ousted before the Semi-Final stage.

The rise to the heights of Leeds, though, has been concentrated in very recent years.

From 1964-65 onwards, they won the Cup, have been beaten Finalists three times, and reached the Semi-Final on three more occasions.

Yet not long before that — for

the ten consecutive seasons from 1952-53 to 1961-62 — Leeds United were knocked-out in their very first tie.

Anything goes, though, when it comes to the F.A. Cup. And, talking of Leeds, how about their 1-2 home defeat by Cardiff in the Third Round in 1955-56.

Followed by a 1-2 home defeat by Cardiff in the Third Round in 1956-57, and then again guess what — by yet another 1-2 home defeat by Cardiff in the selfsame Third Round in 1957-58.

The odds against getting beaten on your own ground by the same opponents in the same round by the same score three years running must be stupendous.

Yet that's just part of the fascination of the F.A. Cup. Anything CAN happen — and, before you know it, very likely DOES!

But one thing doesn't happen — at least not as often as popular "giantkilling" folk-lore would have us believe.

And that's the alleged fate of First Division teams in the Third Round — the one in which, of course, they take their annual Cup bow.

Over the past eight seasons, 56 of them have gone out in their opening Cup clash — but of those 56 all but 20 have crashed, without too much embarrassment, to fellow First Division sides.

And, of those 20 knocked-out by

clubs from the "lower classes", as many as 13 of their conquerors have been as well up in soccer circles as the Second Division.

Only five Third Division clubs, none from the Fourth, and two non-Leaguers — both of whom, incidentally, have since been elected to the League — have managed First Division scalps in the Third Round.

Inevitably, when it does happen, it's the feats of the "minnows" — those happy and hopeful non-Leaguers — which really hit the headlines with a bang.

Hereford's defeat of Newcastle — and then forcing West Ham to a replay in the next Round — in 1971-72 almost certainly gave them that extra boost they needed in vital votes to gain admission to the Football League just a few months after.

Three seasons later, Wimbledon put out then First Division Burnley away from home — and then held Leeds at Elland Road before being put out by a single tragic own-goal in the replay.

They, too — like Hereford, and earlier Cup "giantkillers" in Peterborough and Colchester — soon got their reward by being elected to the League.

A class horse normally wins the Derby. And class usually has the last word just as loudly in soccer — at any rate as far as Wembley-winning is concerned.

These are the then First Division clubs knocked-out in the Third Round by sides from a lower Division in the past eight seasons. (** indicates replay).

1970-71

Oxford (Div 2) 3, BURNLEY 0
Rochdale (Div 3) 2, COVENTRY 1
**Middlesbrough (Div 2) 2,
MANCHESTER UNITED 1

1971-72

Millwall (Div 2) 3,
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1
**Middlesbrough (Div 2) 1,
MANCHESTER CITY 0
**Hereford (non-League) 2, NEWCASTLE 1
SHEFFIELD UNITED 1, Cardiff (Div 2) 3

1972-73

Swindon (Div 2) 2, BIRMINGHAM 0
1973-74

Bolton (Div 2) 3, STOKE 2
**Hereford (Div 3) 2, WEST HAM 1

1974-75

**TOTTENHAM 0.
Nottingham Forest (Div 2) 1
BURNLEY 0, Wimbledon (non-League) 1

1975-76

**ASTON VILLA 1, Southampton (Div 2) 2
**BIRMINGHAM 0, Portsmouth (Div 2) 1
Blackpool (Div 2) 1, BURNLEY 0
**Bury (Div 3) 3, MIDDLESBROUGH 2

1976-77

**Wrexham (Div 3) 1, SUNDERLAND 0
Cardiff (Div 2) 1, TOTTENHAM 0

1977-78

**Wrexham (Div 3) 3, BRISTOL CITY 0

**NORWICH 0, Orient (Div 2) 1

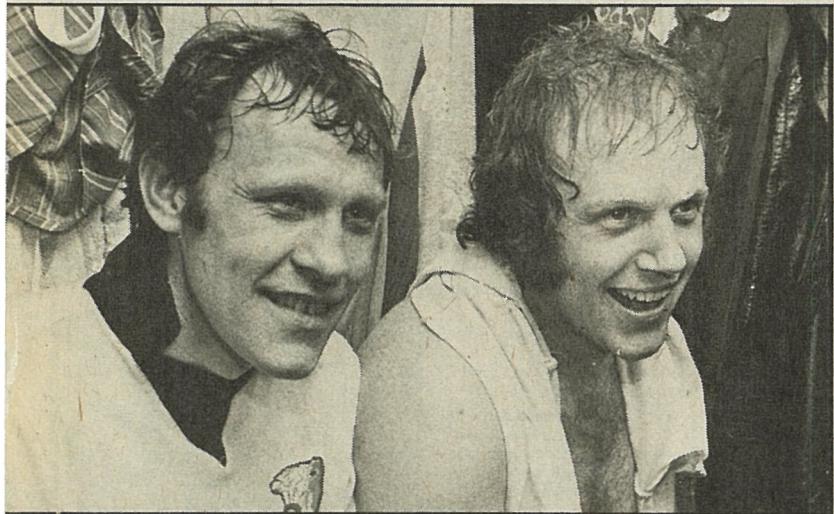
Orient (light shorts) clear from Norwich in last season's Third Round tie. The East End club won 1-0 at Carrow Road.





Dickie Guy saves for Wimbledon during their sensational 1-0 win at Burnley in 1974-75.

and more to come?



Hereford knocked Newcastle out in 1971-72 with goals from Ron Radford (left) and Ricky George.

ON 6th January, in the Northern Premier League, Altrincham should have been playing Morecambe — but that fixture was scheduled before they got Wise (sorry!) to F.A. Cup success.

So, instead, they'll be facing mighty Spurs — old Uncle Ardiles an' all — before a bumper crowd at White Hart Lane.

But that's all part of the glamour of the Cup — with Altrincham and Maidstone the two non-League clubs managing to get through to the "Big Boys" round without the need for a replay.

Southern Leaguers Maidstone also coped an away tie — but, seeing as it's an attractive Kentish local derby with Charlton, they have the consolation of a more than interesting game.

Only 3,686 turned out to see a Kenny Hill scoring header put out Exeter — but they can surely hope for better support next time.

But the man they really had to

thank for denying the Third Divisioners at least the second-chance of a home replay was 'keeper Dickie Guy with a string of super saves.

And if that name rings a Cup-bell ... well, so it should. For Dickie was the player who — with then non-League Wimbledon — broke the hearts of the big-time likes of Burnley, Middlesbrough, and almost Leeds in the Wombles' own "giantkilling" runs.

Any big club playing a non-League side is inevitably on a hiding to nothing.

Win — and folks reckon it's all they should have done, anyway.

But lose — and the red faces are still around weeks later!

Hence, no sensible club takes their allegedly lesser brethren lightly. As Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw says: "You're a fool to bank on anything — and I should know."

Referring, of course, to the

embarrassing time when a chap called Burkinshaw was coach to a First Division Newcastle side put out of the Cup by then non-League Hereford!

Cup-holders Ipswich — with both League and off-field problems since Wembley — meet Carlisle at home, and should ease themselves over the first stage of trying to hang on to their trophy.

Arsenal, last season's beaten Finalists, also face Third Division opposition — as do the bookies' 7-to-1 favourites, Liverpool who travel to Southend.

Neighbours and rivals Everton (away at Sunderland), and fighting Forest (home to Villa), have been bracketed as their next-best fancies at 11-to-1.

But spare a thought for a nice guy, whom everyone wishes well, in Danny Blanchflower.

Within 24 hours of taking over as crisis-club Chelsea's new manager, he saw his troubled team clobbered 7-2 at Middlesbrough.

Before he'd had time to leave the ground, he heard they'd been Cup-drawn away at Old Trafford — where, even if United aren't for the moment the force they were, it still needs more than a touch of the Old Blarney to get much change.

That draw, in those circumstances, wasn't exactly the Luck o' the Irish for Danny!

In May, 1972, Allan Clarke scored the only goal of the match by which Leeds beat Arsenal at Wembley.

In December, 1978, player-manager Clarke scored for Fourth Division Barnsley in their 1-1 draw with Rotherham.

That goal took the former England striker's F.A. Cup total to 36 — within two of Denis Law's all-time record.

And Allan must have been keeping his fingers crossed that his team clinched the replay so as to give him a chance to beat it.

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Ties to be played Jan. 6

'WE'RE ON OUR WAY'

Brighton v. Wolves

'Still no Cup joy for Barnwell'

BRIAN HORTON
(Brighton)

JUMPED for joy when Wolves were paired to play us in the Third Round. I was born at Cannock, not far from Wolverhampton, and the Molineux club was the one I idolised as a kid.

Unfortunately, I didn't join them as a pro. I went to Walsall instead, then on to Port Vale, before joining Brighton almost three years ago.

It's a great draw for us. We wanted First Division opposition to give us the lift necessary to make progress in the Cup.

Wolves won't find it easy at the Goldstone Ground. Our fans are terrific. One of the pleasures down here is the support.

But I'm bothered about our inconsistency. Mark Lawrenson, our Republic of Ireland defender, is the only player at peak form most games.

Wolves will be stronger under John Barnwell, but John has good cause to remember Brighton, for we knocked his Peterborough side out of the League Cup this season.

Brighton to win 1-0!



'Morale booster for relegation fight'
PETER DANIEL
(WOLVES)

I SAW Brighton in action against Nottingham Forest in a League Cup tie recently and they impressed me with their fluent and attacking style of play.

I remember playing against them when I was at Hull City and they were a good side. But since then they have brought players like Teddy Maybank and Peter Sayer to the Goldstone Ground. They have become a much tighter outfit.

Although First Division survival is our number one target I don't believe a good Cup run will harm our chances. In fact, it would be a great morale-booster for us to have a few wins under our belts.

I am sure manager John Barnwell, who is having a wonderful effect on the players since his arrival, will have Alan Mullery's lads watched a couple of times before briefing us on their strengths and weaknesses.

We have a hard game in prospect but I am confident we can snatch a draw and then win at our place in a replay.

Hartlepool v. Leeds

'Under-dogs can bite'

BILLY AYRE
(Hartlepool)

THE whole town of Hartlepool is excited and buzzing about the visit of Leeds United to The Victoria Ground for the Third Round.

I know we are the under-dogs but the aristocrats from Elland Road won't have an easy ride. We'll prove Hartlepool have enough teeth to bite back.

After all, we have nothing to lose and can concentrate on attacking Leeds.

They can't relish the thought, either, of visiting our small, compact ground. There will be an all-ticket 17,000 crowd and the majority will be behind us.

Remembering Colchester's epic win at Layer Road v. Leeds in 1970-71, I am confident we can emulate their tremendous victory.

Obviously we will have to watch out for the talented Tony Currie. He is the one danger man. He can swing a game so easily with his precision passing and explosive shooting. If we keep a close watch on the England man, Leeds could be struggling.

Yes, a hard game, but watch out for a shock result at 4.40 on Saturday.

'Confident class will tell'

DAVID HARVEY
(Leeds United)

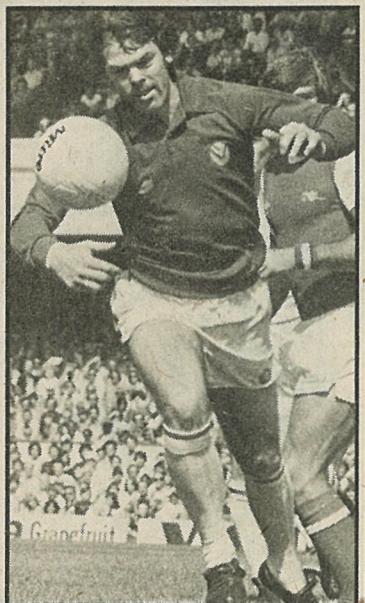
IT'S a good draw for us. We hoped for a side in the lower Divisions because due to an F.A. ban, we have to play our Cup matches away from Elland Road. So a tie at Hartlepool suits us.

I must confess, I know absolutely nothing about the Fourth Division club. I am sure, though, manager Jimmy Adamson will have them watched and we will be briefed on their strengths and weaknesses.

We are always reminded about Colchester's win against us but as far as we are concerned that was a freak result.

Jimmy Adamson's ideas are now beginning to tell in our play and our confidence is soaring with every game under the former Sunderland boss.

I am not trying to underestimate Hartlepool but I cannot see another shock and I am quietly confident our First Division class will tell and Leeds United will go into the draw for the Fourth Round.



'Teams well matched'

IAN WALLACE
(Coventry)

COVENTRY couldn't have drawn tougher opposition. West Brom's current League and European form is outstanding.

And we still haven't forgotten that 7-1 defeat Albion dished out earlier this season. But I can guarantee that won't happen again.

Indeed, I believe the teams are well matched. Albion are strong at the back with John Wile, their captain, and Ally Robertson a formidable barrier to any forward. They have developed a fine understanding.

I think the fans are in for a cracker. Both teams like to attack and there should be no shortage of action.

At the start of the season our players felt we would do well in one of the Cups. Nothing has happened to change our minds.

If we overcome West Brom we have a good chance of going all the way... to the Final at Wembley on Saturday, May 12th.



'No predictions — despite our 7-1 victory'

DEREK STATHAM
(W.B.A.)



WE MUST be fancied to win this Cup-tie after defeating Coventry 7-1 in the League at The Hawthorns earlier this season.

But I'm making no predictions. Cup football is a lottery and many a fancied

side has crashed out against the odds.

We all felt disappointed when we got within one step of Wembley last season. We played well in the earlier rounds but were no match for Ipswich, who beat us 3-1 in the F.A. Cup Semifinals.

But I think we are a better side this year — and we'll be taking thousands of fans to support us at Highfield Road. I reckon there'll be a gate of between 30,000-40,000. It's only 45 minutes' journey to Coventry for most of our fans.

I said earlier anything can happen, and I make that point because I have great respect for Coventry. They've played brilliantly and badly this season, but when they are good they take some stopping.

Their striker Ian Wallace is a terrible handful for defences, so agile and difficult to mark.

There'll be no special training for us. We'll treat it as a normal game. That means a steak lunch at about 11.30 a.m., and a comfortable chair in front of the television for the lunch-time sports programmes.

We have no preference for channels. We'll flip between BBC and ITV. It's perfect relaxation before a big Cup-tie like this.

TO WEMBLEY'

SHOOT talks to players involved in six Third Round ties with an extra-special flavour.

Fulham v. Q.P.R.



'Rangers "suit" me'
LES STRONG (FULHAM)

I'M getting out my £200 Cup Final suit for this West London derby. It's that important. I've worn the suit only three times since it was presented to me by Fulham for our F.A. Cup Final appearance against West Ham in 1974-75.

I missed that game through injury, so I'm hoping we can get Wembley bound again by beating Q.P.R.

This game has got everything. It's likely to draw a gate approaching 30,000 at Craven Cottage, and the rivalry will be intensified by the appearance for Q.P.R. of former Fulham favourite Ernie Howe. I'm told he's playing better than ever.

Former Fulham manager Alec Stock, now at Q.P.R. in an advisory capacity, will also add to the interest.

We're delighted to be under-dogs, much happier drawing a First Division side than one from the Fourth.

I'm confident because today's Fulham side is one of the best since my arrival nine years ago. Liverpool's interest in Richard Money and Tony Gale confirms their potential, and Gordon Davies gets better with every game.

A Fulham win — but it'll be desperately close. Perhaps my suit will tilt it our way.

'We'll win by the odd goal'
GLENN ROEDER (Q.P.R.)

FULHAM 1, Q.P.R. 2. That's the scoreline I forecast for this Cup-tie at Craven Cottage on January 6. And then I hope we draw another London club, preferably Orient, in the Fourth Round.

It's no good talking about drawing away and hoping to snatch a win in a replay. You must go for a result.

My biggest concern is whether I'll be playing. I have been out of the first team for most of the first half of the season. It was a miserable time after my £240,000 transfer from Orient in August.

But I've won a place recently and I'm hoping I can play well enough to win selection for this tie.

The bigger the game the better I like it. And this game will be big. I gained a lot of Cup-tie experience in helping Orient reach the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals last season.

Ernie Howe will want to play well against his old club, and the boss has worked out a defensive system, involving John Hollins, Ernie and I, that should be effective.



The derby atmosphere will be terrific. There'll be a big crowd at Craven Cottage, and I'm confident we'll clinch a place in the Fourth Round by 2-1.

Nottingham Forest v. Aston Villa

'A thriller this time'

JOHN ROBERTSON
(FOREST)

A HOME draw — marvellous. But I'd have preferred a team from the lower Divisions of the League.

We have a slight ascendancy in we've already beaten Villa in the League this season. I got on the scoresheet by converting a penalty in a 2-1 victory.

Yet it was a desperately close game — and we could be in for a thriller this time. We're well matched because both teams can produce exhilarating football.

One thing is guaranteed — our fans will be right behind us. They're good in League matches but when the Cup games come round there is that added touch of sparkle about the day.

I suppose it's because the fans know at the end of it all there's the chance of a trip to one of the world's greatest stadiums, Wembley.

Villa's dangermen will be Andy Gray and Brian Little, if fit. They will take some watching. And so will Dennis Mortimer, who is having a fine season at Villa Park.



As I've said, both teams are well equipped for a good Cup run. But if I'm pressed for a forecast, I go for Forest by the odd goal.

'A major challenge'

JIMMY RIMMER
(ASTON VILLA)

A WAY to Champions Nottingham Forest! Not the easiest of draws is it?

Forest are in with a chance of winning more than one competition this season, so everyone knows how well organised they are.

But this will be a major challenge for us. If we've got any hopes of winning the Cup we have to beat the best.

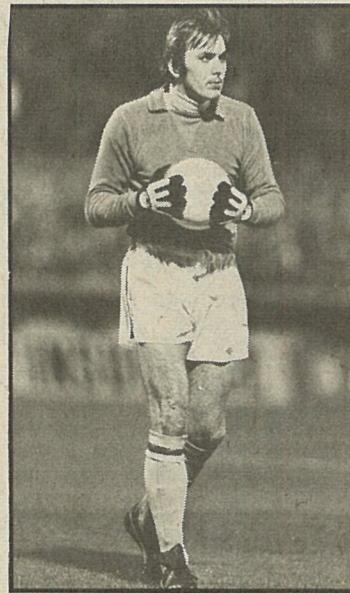
We were beaten 2-1 by Forest earlier this season, but we played well, possibly our best performance this season.

Our biggest problem this term has been an alarming injury list. I just hope Andy Gray and Brian Little are fit.

Forest players that will give us problems? Just about every one of them is capable of sneaking the winner.

The atmosphere will be electric, and our fans will give a good account of themselves.

No forecasts, but I'll be the last one out of the tunnel on to the pitch. Perhaps, on the day, the luck will run for us.



Sunderland v. Everton

'Stand by for a shock'

GARY ROWELL
(SUNDERLAND)

WE WILL try to hit Everton hard in the first 20 minutes and hope for an early goal. That's the best recipe to upset Gordon Lee's team, currently riding high in the First Division.

No one should write us off before this Cup-tie. There should be between 30,000-40,000 spectators at Roker Park, most of them shouting for us. With the Fulwell End in good voice, I think we could shock the pundits.

But we will have our work cut out to break down Everton's strong defence in which Colin Todd, an old Sunderland favourite, is outstanding. I rate Toddie the best sweeper in the country.

It should be a big day also for Mick Buckley, who plays in midfield for Sunderland. He has a lot to prove against his former Everton team-mates.

Me? I want three things to happen. I'm a bit superstitious, so will make a request to wear my usual number 11 shirt, force my way out of the dressing-room to run out on to the pitch in third position — and score the winning goal.

'A tough game'

DAVE THOMAS
(EVERTON)

LOYALTIES will be sharply divided in my family when we line-up against Sunderland. For this Cup-tie is an excuse for a grand family re-union in my native North-East.

My wife Brenda and my parents will be shouting for Everton. My two little girls Helen, four, and Polly, two, will be supporting us, but my father-in-law, Mr. Edgar Blackbell, is a staunch Sunderland supporter.

This is the best possible draw for us. Winning the League title is our priority, but the glory of winning the F.A. Cup would make our season. It's every footballer's dream to get to a Wembley Final.

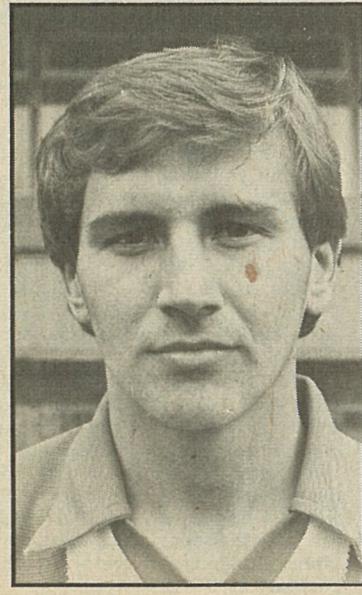
I can promise Sunderland a tough game. We won't be going to Roker Park to defend. We'll be attacking from the kick-off — and I hope I see plenty of the ball.

Colin Todd's looking forward to return to his old stamping ground.

I shall be going back to my parents'



house in West Auckland after the game. Here's hoping I've got something to celebrate.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Mervyn Anthony of London, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

McGRAIN MISSED

I'M as fervent an England fan as there is, but I have been saddened by the continued absence of Scotland's Danny McGrain from top-flight soccer.

I can remember some tremendous English full-backs ... George Cohen, Terry Cooper, Ray Wilson ... but Danny was every bit as good before he was injured over a year ago.

For such an attacking full-back, he did remarkably well rarely to be caught napping defensively. Whenever he had the ball, I always expected something positive to happen.

I know he's back in action now, but I wonder if we'll ever see the Danny McGrain of 1977. I sincerely hope so — but preferably not against England!

Both Celtic and Scotland have missed Danny's world-class skills and we can only keep our fingers crossed our star writer makes a complete recovery.



Danny McGrain arrives at Parkhead on crutches.

Euro Cups

I must disagree with SHOOT's attitude towards the European competitions. You have stated the U.E.F.A. Cup is the hardest to win: surely it must be the European Champions' Cup?

The Cup-Winners' Cup is not of a high standard, I agree, with all respect to Ipswich Town.

The standard of the U.E.F.A. Cup is higher as some of the most consistent teams from each country take part and, as SHOOT pointed out, there is an extra round.

However, pride of place must go to the European Cup because it contains the "cream" of each country.

STEPHEN GAUNT,
SANDAL.

● Yes, but Champions invariably find it harder next time round and the teams in the European Cup often struggle in their Leagues. In the past, the European Cup HAS been the most difficult to win, but as the overall standard of European soccer has dropped, I agree, the U.E.F.A. Cup this season is the hardest.

Restrictions

REFERENCE your letter about certain clubs not choosing either Catholic or Protestant players. You replied if clubs had restrictions, it was their loss.

I hope no one ever forgets the first British team to win the European Cup — Celtic — did it without the obvious skills of the Protestant Superstars.

JOHN CAWLEY,
NEWTOWNSTEWART.

● But they needed a Protestant manager, Jock Stein, to lead them to their success.

No Autograph

AFTER the Chelsea/Manchester United game at Stamford Bridge I spoke to 19 players and 18 gave me their autographs.

The one who refused was Lou Macari, who pushed me out of the way and said: "Get lost."

Lou also refused to sign for other fans. I didn't like his attitude at all.

DAVID GRAHAME,
ELSTREE.

● Just as well United won! I wonder what would have happened had they lost!

Pen-Pal

I'M a 14-year-old Dutch girl who supports PSV. I would like to write to English boys or girls.

TINEKE SWART,
ELSERIK 20,
6026 AE,
MAARHEESE (NOORD BRABANT),
HOLLAND.

AFTER those little black balls pulled out of the bag at Lancaster Gate paired us with either Watford or Southend I echoed the sentiments of our manager, Bob Paisley.

"We'd prefer another First Division side at home," he said to the Press.

The reason is simple. We know just about everything there is to know about fellow First Division teams: how they play, the individual styles and temperaments. So we can prepare ourselves accordingly for a tie against them.

But a side from a lower Division is almost a completely unknown quantity. They must have a few players who had formerly played in the First against us, but the demands of that lower grade of football could have changed their styles.



'ATIE WE

We're on a hiding to nothing against minnows, who will inevitably play well above their usual standard, especially in front of their home crowd.

You need luck to win a Cup, and we're right out of it in this Third Round.

There's always the dread that we'll become victims of a giant-killing act. Strangely enough, Watford, who I expected to beat Southend in the replay, but lost 1-0, were directly responsible for my breaking into the Liverpool team and establishing myself there.

For in the Third Round of the 1969-70 competition, Watford knocked out Liverpool, and our then-manager, Bill Shankly ripped out the centre of the team. Dougie Livermore, now with Chester, came in for striker Ian St. John, Larry Lloyd, now with Coventry City, replaced Ron Yeats, and I took over the number one jersey from Tommy Lawrence.

So instead of the expected trip to Vicarage Road to play Elton John's Third Division high flyers, it'll be down to Southend's Roots Hall ground to meet a team that has had little to celebrate for many years.

Their last good run in the F.A. Cup was in 1975-76 season, when they reached the Fifth Round to be halted by eventual Semi-Finalists Derby County 1-0 away; and their record attendance of 28,059 was set up at a Fourth Round match in 1957 against Birmingham City.

I'd bet that crowd figure stands a great chance of being beaten this Saturday.

No disrespect to Southend, but the only player I know anything about in their side is Andy Polycarpou; and only because he scored the goal that sank Watford in the Second Round replay.

However, our scouts have been spying on them in recent League matches, and will give us a breakdown in the pre-match briefings.

One thing is for certain. We won't fall into the trap of under-estimating

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them. My former team-mate Ian Callaghan, who has played against Southend for Swansea, tells me they are one of the best sides in the Third Division.

We go into this tie determined to erase the memory of our shock exit at this stage last season, when Chelsea easily dismissed us by 4-1 at Stamford Bridge.

It ranks as one of the most agonising "lowlights" in recent Anfield history.

In fact, we have more bad memories of Third Round ties than good ones. It's a Round that has seen us struggling many times.

In 1977, for instance, when Crystal Palace outplayed us at Anfield, and were justified in feeling aggrieved at the 0-0 scoreline which allowed us to live to fight another day.

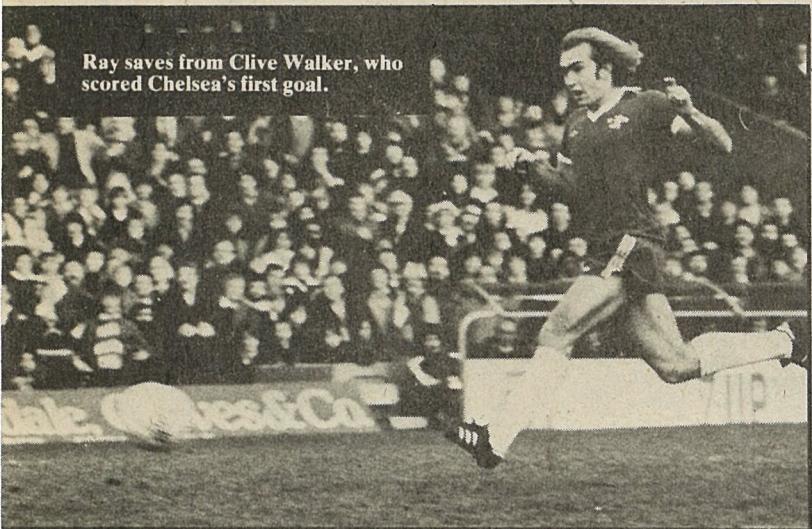
At Selhurst Park we really hit form, with Kevin Keegan outstanding, and won well by 3-1.

In 1974 we won the Cup, after being given the fright of our lives by Doncaster, the team from Kevin's home town, who were deservedly 2-1 up at half-time in the Third Round at Anfield. Luckily Kevin, who had scored our first, managed to grab the equaliser.

After his goal, Doncaster had cruel luck when the ball beat me and rebounded from the crossbar.

In the replay at Belle Vue, a gale-force wind spoiled the football. In the first-half it was against us, and I was lucky if my goal kicks carried 25 yards. In the second-half a goal-kick often bounced once and went for a goal-kick at the other end.

Ray saves from Clive Walker, who scored Chelsea's first goal.



'We aim to wipe out last season's bad Third Round memory'

Cup Finals, and walked off a winner only once.

But right now my eyes are not on Wembley, but Roots Hall, where we must concentrate on giving nothing away and getting the right result.

I haven't the space to comment on all the other ties, unfortunately, but I've picked out the ones that have that extra-special attraction for me.

First, Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa, a tie with all the ingredients for a thrilling Final. Forest, although

way as ours at Anfield. The atmosphere should be incredible.

Now that Everton are out of the U.E.F.A. Cup, and also the League Cup, they will be pulling out all the stops to win the F.A. Cup. You never know, we may even see the first-ever Merseyside Final!

My bet is that the Blues will get a draw that will enable them to replay at Goodison. There they should win.

If Barnsley, managed by Allan Clarke, had been drawn at home instead of away against Manchester City, I would be tempted to forecast an upset.

Sorry, Allan, it looks like bye-bye Barnsley.

Hartlepool v Leeds United is a similar tie to ours. Unless Hartlepool have all the luck going though, I can't visualise them beat-

DIDN'T WANT...!

However, once again we lived up to our reputations, put on a dominating display and won, although Kevin failed to score.

Now that we are out of European competition, k.o.'d by Nottingham Forest in the First Round of the European Cup, the winning of the F.A. Cup has become a priority.

For the past three seasons we have been in the running for more than one trophy. Last season it was the European Cup, which we held by beating Bruges 1-0 at Wembley, and the League Cup, which was denied to us by Forest who won the

'Doncaster Rovers held us at Anfield in 1974'

replayed Final with a disputed penalty.

The season before — 1976-77 — we were in line for a triple of Championship, F.A. Cup and European Cup. Manchester United ruined our chances by beating us 2-1 at Wembley.

And the season before that we did the double of U.E.F.A. Cup and Championship for the second time.

So our aim now is for the most coveted of domestic doubles: the Championship and F.A. Cup, a feat never before achieved by Liverpool.

So far I've played in three F.A.

Kevin Keegan saves the Reds' faces with an equaliser.



tight in defence, are suffering from our problem: the inability to score goals from the multitude of chances created.

Villa, however, seemed to have turned the corner, recovered from their disappointing start to the season, and could well take Forest back to Villa Park.

Even then, I still wouldn't write off Forest, who are capable of winning well away from home.

Everton, like us, can't be happy about being drawn away against a team from a lower strata, namely Sunderland.

The club from the North-East, uplifted by a new manager and with a string of good League results behind them, will provide a stern test of the Everton side, who are unattractive to watch yet hard to beat.

Everton's visit to Roker Park, a one-time soccer stronghold, will be treated by home fans in the same

ing a Leeds side running into form.

For little non-League Altrincham being drawn against Spurs at White Hart Lane is a dream tie for them. A real money-spinner and the chance for their players to perform on one of the finest grounds in Britain in front of a huge crowd.

Although Altrincham are another Lancashire club, and I wish them all the best, I can't see them holding Ardiles and Co.

But the Cup is notorious for serving surprises. A few seasons ago Altrincham managed to draw with Everton — and at Goodison, too!

Preston v Derby could spring a surprise. Preston, whose bad start looked like resulting in the sack for manager Nobby Stiles, have shot off the bottom of the Second Division by putting together some excellent results, such as the 6-1 thrashing of Charlton. Derby, on the other hand, are going through a patch where nothing seems to be going right.

Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace could also provide another upset. Despite Boro's 7-2 win over Chelsea, they'll find Palace a very different proposition.

Terry Venables has done a grand job of work on the Selhurst Park side, and they possess the spirit and organisation to tax a team from the top half of the First let alone one from the lower end.

So I believe we're in for one of the most fascinating Third Rounds for many years, with ties that will pull many a chair-bound fan out on to the terraces or into the stands.

There's nothing like going to a match to savour all the heady atmosphere of a sudden death competition.

Wish me luck!

The ten who have scored.



Paul Arcari, Southport, Lancs.
Chose the Man. Utd. strip.



David Main, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear.
Chose the Spurs strip.



Deborah Ward, Charlton, London S.E.7.
Chose the England strip.



John Feeney, Walthamstow, London E.17.
Chose the Luton strip.



Neil Simpson, Leven, Fife.
Chose the West Ham strip.



John Wharton, Hull, Yorks.
Chose the Leeds strip.



Steven Hobson, Cheshunt, Herts.
Chose the Spurs strip.



Brian Skelhorn, Leyland, Lancs.
Chose the England strip.



Janet Mackie, Crail, Fife.
Chose the Dundee strip.



Kevin Wadsley, Barnetby, S. Humberside.
Chose the England strip.

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BRENDAN BATSON has proved he's good enough for West Brom.

BRENDAN Batson, West Bromwich Albion's £30,000 capture from Cambridge United, arrived at The Hawthorns last February with this message from team boss Ron Atkinson: "Prove to me you're good enough for our first team."

And the 24-year-old Grenada born footballer hasn't disappointed. Last term he played five games and when Paddy Mulligan was injured during the pre-season warm up, Brendan was in at right-back — a position he's occupied ever since.

"I think I've performed reason-

never had a regular first team run until I went there," he says. "You can only play so much reserve team football no matter where you are, and if you don't play regularly in the first team somewhere in the Football League, then you never learn properly what it's all about. I picked up more in the Third and Fourth Divisions than I ever would if I'd still been at Arsenal and a reserve team player.

"Ray Freeman, who has since left to manage in Norway, helped me when I first went to Cambridge. He was very good at talking football. Then along came Ron Atkinson. He saw things which weren't helping me as a player and him as a manager.

"So he pulled me to one side and bullied me into doing the things he wanted me to do.

"Ron Atkinson is a winner. When he arrived at Cambridge we were a nothing Fourth Division side, but he made it all happen. It was the biggest thrill of my career when I skippered the club to the Championship.

'The start'

"There are not many trophies to be won in the Football League in one season and we won one of them. A lot of people might say it's only the Fourth Division, but it's still something to win. Cambridge are now in the Second and that was the start of it all.

"The success we had there landed me here at West Brom. There hasn't been any particular breakthrough game that has changed me. It's just been a steady progression, plus the fact in Ron Atkinson I've had a manager who thought I could do a job at this moment in time.

"I think it's everybody's ambition to play in the First Division and if you can't manage that, then you play to the best of your ability somewhere else. It's not very often you get a second chance to play in the top grade, and when it came I grabbed it with both hands."

Brendan's main attributes are that he's quick, skilful and adventurous. He's forged a wonderful partnership with Derek Statham and a perfect understanding with Laurie Cunningham. "Derek's a good player," he says, "and when Laurie's playing on the right he's very easy to link up with. He's always wanting the ball and, as everybody knows, he can do things with it. Sometimes you don't know what he's going to do with it. I for one would certainly rather play with him than against him."

"My immediate aim is to play as well as I can and stay in the first team. My ambition is to win some sort of honour as a First Division player with West Brom. I don't make predictions, but we've given ourselves a chance this season and as I've said earlier, Ron Atkinson is a winner."

ably well," he said. "I've had to in order to keep my place in the first team. There are other players who can play at right-back, but I feel I've proved a little point and I'm obviously pleased with the way things have gone.

"The team's played exceptionally well, which has made it easier for me. But at any good club the competition for places is fierce and, if my form drops below the required standard, then I'm sure I'll be the first to be booted out. So it's just a matter of playing to the best of my ability."

Brendan, big and powerful, started his career at Arsenal and ironically made his full debut for the North London club against West Brom at The Hawthorns.

"It was in February, 1973," he recalls instantly, "when The Gunners finished second in the table. We lost 1-0 and Jeff Astle scored the winner."

In 1974 he left for Cambridge. "I

Soccer's spotlight has worked overtime illuminating the highly commendable skills of Terry Venables' young braves, who have got off to a cracking start in the race for a First Division passport. A few miles away from Selhurst Park, Fulham boss Bobby Campbell, with considerably less headline room, has every reason to be proud of his own team's surge up the Second Division table, an exciting revival that has lifted Bobby's boys from an icy 20th spot and tucked them cosily in among the promotion pace-makers.



FULHAM WILL BE A THREAT, says KEVIN LOCK

Like Venables, Liverpool-born Campbell has never been reluctant to open the first team door to promising youngsters, a policy that now looks like being rewarded as Fulham snap at the heels of the leaders.

But Bobby also realised the tremendous influence experienced players can wield on a team of skilful, eager young men, impatient for success, which is why he snapped-up West Ham's former England Under-23 international, Kevin Lock for a £60,000 fee, last May.

Said the Fulham manager: "For a player of Kevin's class, it was give-away money. Although he is only 25, he has a fantastic amount of experience at the highest level.

"He is the ideal type of player to bring the best out of the talented youngsters who have broken through into the senior side this season."

One point from their three opening League outings seemed to indicate another term of tight-rope teetering for Fulham, but Campbell's young 'uns, cannily prompted by ex-First Division campaigners Kevin Lock, and skipper Ray Evans, who sampled the top-grade with Spurs, showed they were as sure-footed as steeple-jacks with a rousing recovery that adds bite to the Craven Cottage gaffer's forecast this could be the season of his club's return to the First Division.

Sharing his boss's optimism for Fulham's future is Kevin Lock, who seemed destined for soccer's scrap-heap when Bobby Campbell rescued him from the stifling embrace of reserve team football.

"Last season was a bit of a nightmare for me," said the man who was once rated as the natural successor to Bobby Moore at both club and England level.

"I started off the season in the first team, but I lost my place early on, and spent the rest of the term in the reserves. Even when the team were really in trouble midway through the season, I was still overlooked, although I was playing well with the Football Combination side.

"I think it was then I realised I had no future at Upton Park, and

things became even more depressing when, after I'd been transfer-listed at £75,000 towards the end of last season, there wasn't a single offer for me.

"I was really feeling low, because it looked as if I was becoming one of football's forgotten men. I had played in West Ham's F.A. Cup-winning side against Fulham in 1975, and in that same season had been named in the full England squad to prepare for the European Championship match with Czechoslovakia.

"There were a few clubs who watched me in reserve games but that was as far as it went. Even with 130 League games for West Ham behind me, playing for nearly a season in reserve team football wasn't exactly a first-class reference.

"When Bobby Campbell gave me the chance of first team soccer with Fulham, I jumped at it. Bobby was an outstanding coach with Q.P.R. and Arsenal, and I'm certain he'll be just as successful as a manager at Craven Cottage.

"Since we got over that shaky start to the season, we've shown we'll be a threat to any of the more fancied promotion contenders, although any talk of going up would be premature at this stage.

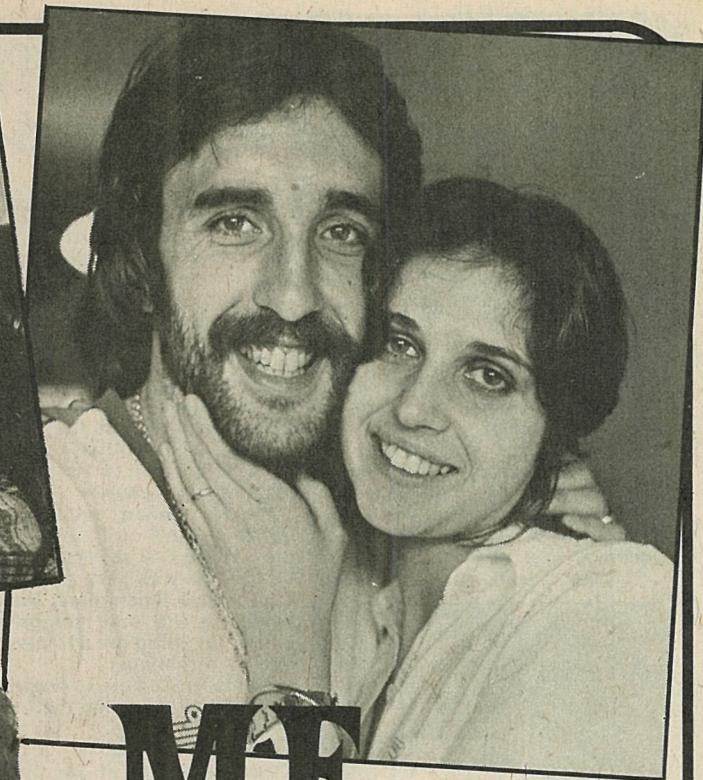
'Real boost'

"I think Fulham are headed for a very exciting future, and young players like Tony Gale, Brian Greenaway, Terry Bullivant, Richard Money, and John Margerison, who are having such a fine season, are going to become even better as they gain experience. We've already beaten teams like West Ham, Stoke and Crystal Palace, all of them red-hot favourites to go straight back up, and that's given us a real boost."

"What a break coming to the Cottage has been for me, and being back in League football is only part of it. There's a marvellous atmosphere running through the club, and we've proved Fulham are a side to be reckoned with."

"We're a nice combination of youth and experience, and we are attempting to play attractive, attacking soccer all the time, and I've been particularly impressed with the way the lads are playing for each other. There is so much skill, and determination, and confidence in the side that success must come. One thing is certain — we're not afraid of anybody in the Second Division."

Lock is a key man in the Londoners' heart-warming revival, which, if it continues, could provide a fairy-tale finish to the admirable comeback of the former West Ham star.



ME AND MY GIRL



Behind every great man is a great woman — and football is no exception. SHOOT's all-star line-up of happy couples, with two young stars thrown in for good measure. Peter Shilton and wife Sue (above); Manchester City's Polish import Kazimierz Deyna, his wife Mariola, and son Norbert in midfield (top left); Ricardo Villa, Tottenham's Argentinian capture, with wife Cristina (top right); Roger Osborne and his wife, Margaret, dip baby Robert in the F.A. Cup dad won with Ipswich last season.

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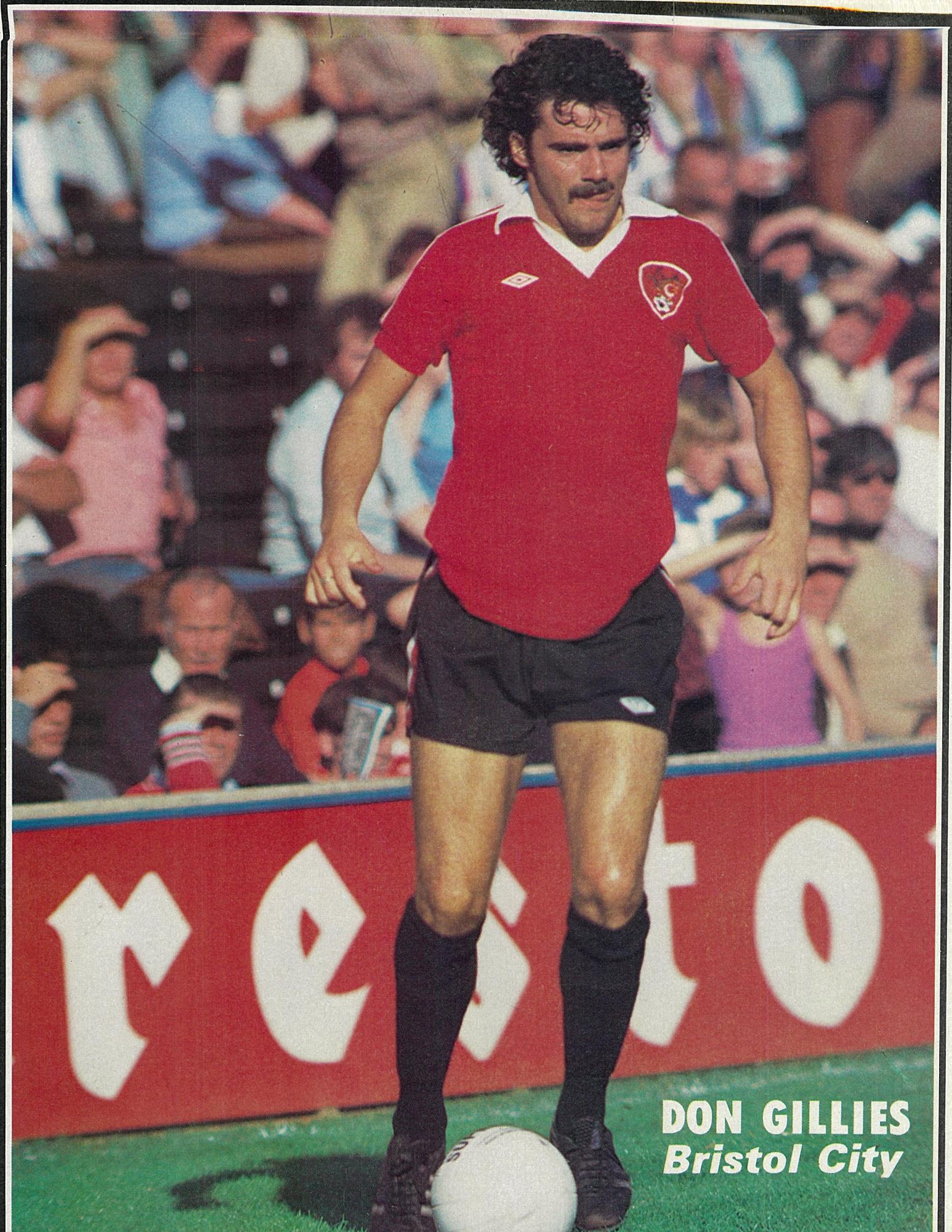
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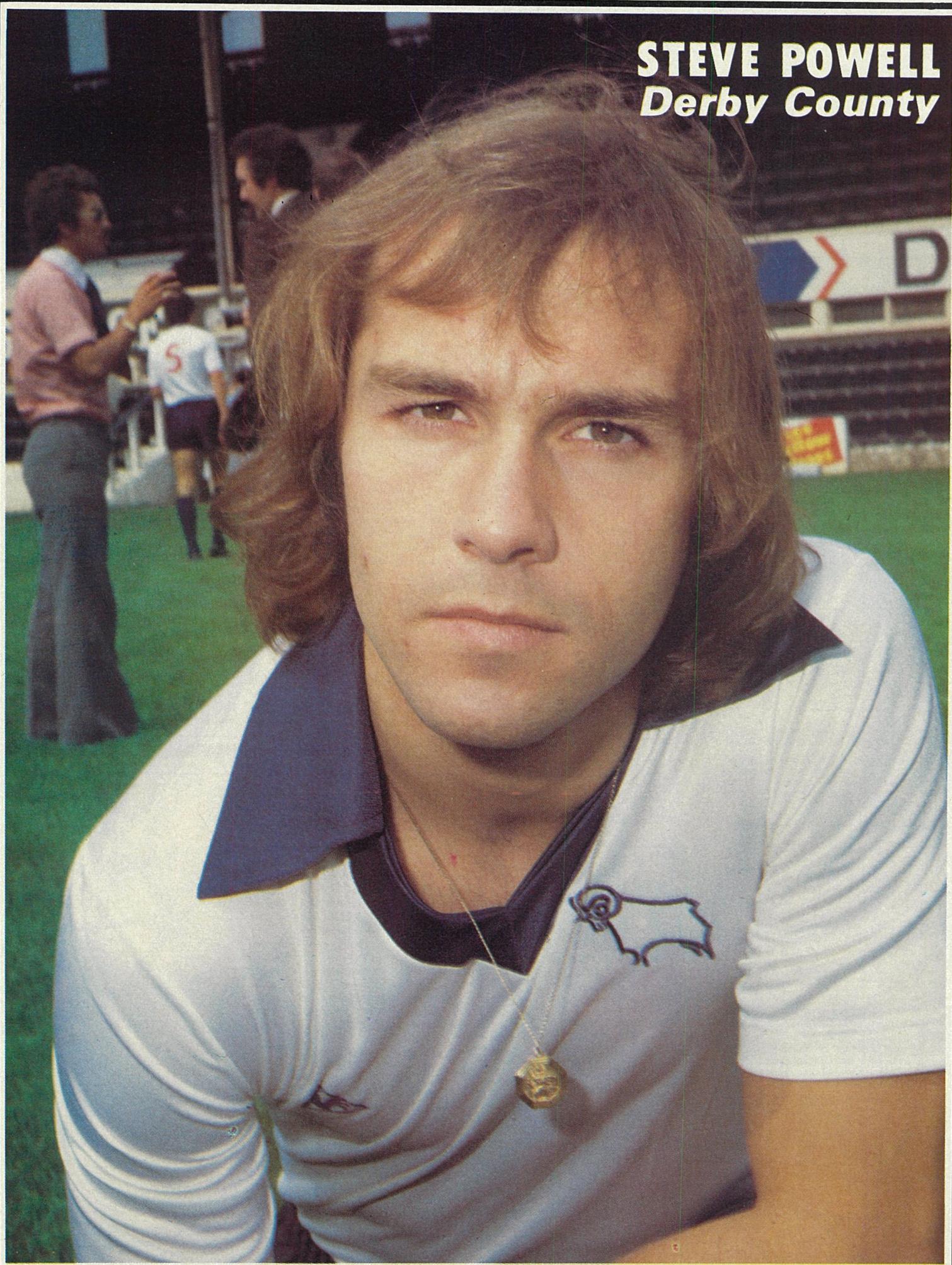




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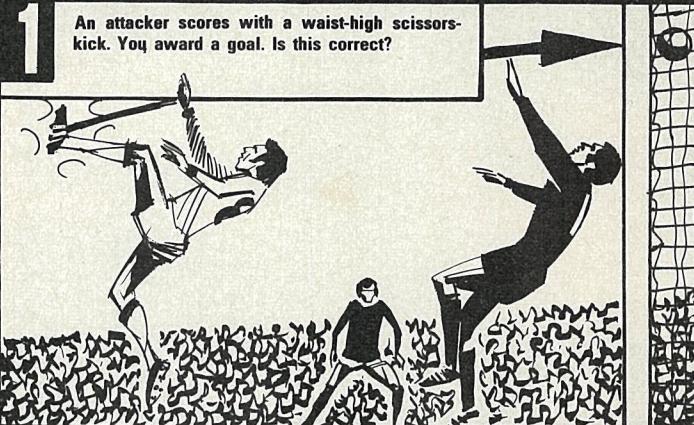


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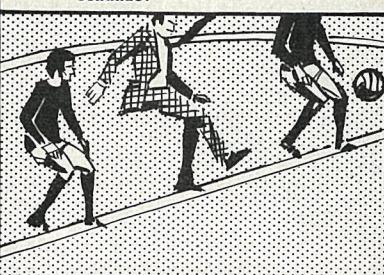
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An attacker scores with a waist-high scissors-kick. You award a goal. Is this correct?



2

At a charity match, a celebrity is invited to kick-off. When the kick is taken, should you ... (a) stop play and restart with a drop ball, (b) order another kick-off or, (c) allow play to continue?



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During the pre-match kick-in a player strikes a spectator who runs on the field. Should you ... (a) dismiss the player, (b) caution the player or, (c) do nothing?

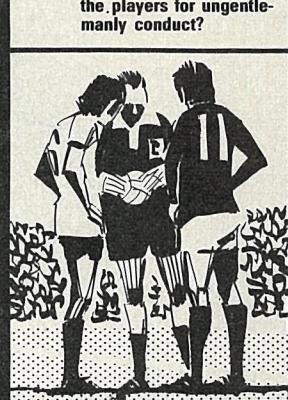


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A substitute is called on but his name is not the one given to you before the match. Should you ... (a) allow him to play or, (b) refuse permission?

3

Players complain about the match ball. Should you ... (a) ignore the comments, (b) change the ball or, (c) caution the players for ungentlemanly conduct?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. As long as there are no opponents near him for the kick to be dangerous. 2. Of course! City match where John Kicked-off (b). I referred an England XI v. Bristol City match where the referee has control on what the ball did very well. In fact, he ran off as quick as an athlete. 3. Change the ball (b). Although the referee has control on what the ball should be used, he would be well advised to accept the ball as it is. 4. Despite some teams try to catch every ball in European Cup matches you have to touch the ball to have an advantage when it is kicked off the park. 4. Dismiss the player as long as the referee is sure the player was at fault. 5. Refuse permission (b).

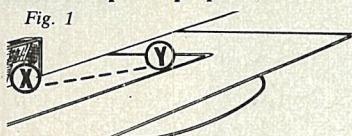
Are you up-to-date with football law?

HAVE you noticed any differences in football this season due to changes in the laws? Probably not, because the International Football Association Board, which reviewed the laws at its annual meeting, in Argentina on 1st June, 1978, decided on just two changes which have involved many alterations to wording but few in actual play.

One change, to Law 13 (Free-kicks), will be more obvious than the other which concerns Law 11 (Offside).

The first relates to free-kicks awarded to the defending team inside the goal-area. The International Board accepted a proposal, from The

Fig. 1



Football Association, to allow the defending team some relief when taking free-kicks near to the goals.

Sometimes the defender, who is delegated to take the kick, is at a disadvantage because of restrictions imposed by the proximity of a goal-post or the goal-net. As this seems to be unfair the law now states that:

"... the free-kick shall be taken from a point anywhere within that half of the goal-area in which the offence occurred."

What this means in practical play is shown in Fig. 1.

An offence, say, offside, or obstruction of the goalkeeper, has

To illustrate the point, Fig. 2 shows attacker No. 6 passing the ball towards a second attacker, who is clearly in an offside position where he could interfere with play, or with an opponent, and could be judged to be trying to obtain an unfair advantage. The ball touches a defender but continues to the second attacker, who scores.

The absence of the "played-on" clause, in the rewritten law, means that the attacker must be considered offside and the goal disallowed.

One point should be made clear. If the ball is *in the possession of a defender* an opposing attacker cannot be penalised for offside. An example is illustrated in Fig. 3.

A defender passes the ball back to his goalkeeper but an attacker, who is in an offside position, intercepts and scores. The goal is allowed because the ball was not passed by a player of the attacking team.

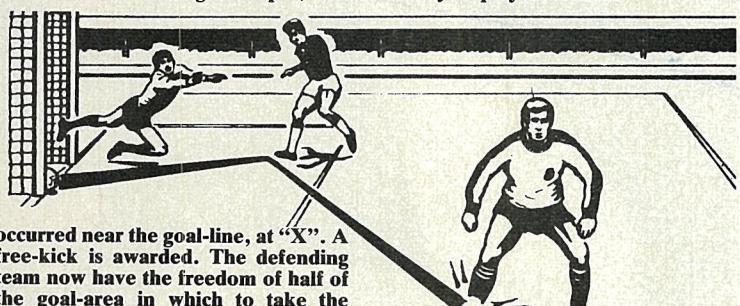
Both changes underline the justice,

or the spirit, behind the two laws, i.e.:

Law 13 — Free-kicks ... that the team offended against should not be at a disadvantage in the taking of a free-kick.

Law 11 — Offside ... that a player, who is in an offside position and is interfering, or trying to gain an advantage, should not benefit because the ball touches an opponent en route.

Use this guide to check instances of the new interpretations in the next match you play or watch.



occurred near the goal-line, at "X". A free-kick is awarded. The defending team now have the freedom of half of the goal-area in which to take the free-kick — even in position "Y".

The second change has removed from the Offside Law all reference to what has been known, for many years, as the "played-on" clause.

In rewriting the law the International Board have pin-pointed the real purpose of the law, i.e., to penalise only those players who are:

- interfering with play, or with an opponent, or,
- seeking to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.

From a previous decision, by the Board, an attacker should be declared offside, "at the moment when the ball is passed to him." This is still valid. The "played-on" clause provided a loop-hole whereby, if the ball "last touched" a defender, the attacker was considered to have been "played onside" and was not penalised.

This clause has not always been easy for referees to interpret because of differences in speed and distance of travel of the ball before it touched a



fig. 2

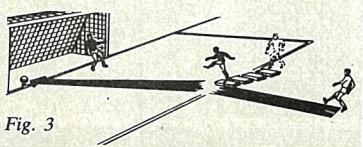


Fig. 3

'BRADFORD CITY-a sleeping giant'

declares new manager GEORGE MULHALL

THE main reason why George Mulhall left Bolton as assistant to Ian Greaves in November to take over the manager's job at struggling Bradford City was because he visualised potential. He also felt after four years he needed a change.

"I know I've stepped down the ladder and gone into the Fourth Division," he says, "but Bradford's a big place. There are 250,000 people living in the City and you've only got to win over ten per cent of the population to attract 25,000 gates."

"The training facilities at Valley Parade are up to First Division standard and I think Bradford has been a bit of a sleeping giant for a long time. The lower clubs have got the lotteries running now, and if they can bring in enough money for me to build a team here, then there are chances."

George, 42 and a former Scottish international, feels the situation is far different from when he managed Halifax Town in the Third Division between 1972 and 1974.

"At that time I couldn't see Halifax going anywhere," he says. "It was the first managerial position I'd had and it was very good experience. But there was no future; nothing at the end of the road. So I resigned and teamed up with Ian Greaves."

"I've still got a lot of happy memories of Bolton. I wish them nothing but the best and once they get settled in the top grade I think they will do well. Ian Greaves and I are still very good friends."

In early December the Valley Paraders were in the bottom seven of the Fourth Division. So how does Mulhall view the prospects? "Agreed we had a very bad start to the season," he said, "but we've improved lately and things are looking up."

"The attitude is good and the injuries suffered at the beginning of the campaign have healed and we can more or less field a regular team. We're looking to climb the table now."

"The squad needs to be strengthened, but basically there are some good players here: Paul Reaney, Micky Bates, David McNiven, Joe Cooke and goalkeeper Peter Downsborough, who played in the League Cup Final with Swindon."

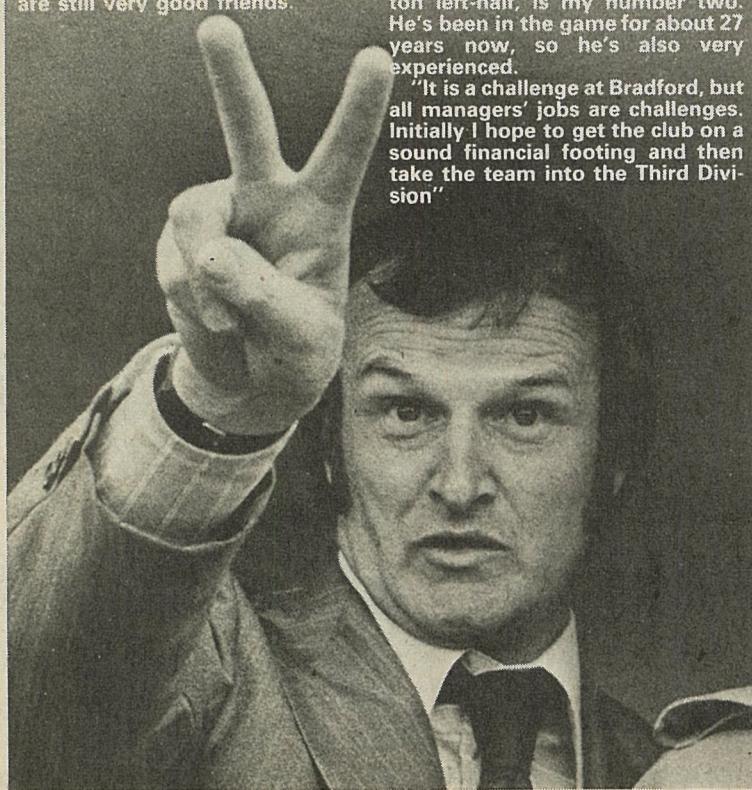
"My approach to the game is very, very professional in all senses of the word. I like a well organised club. There'll be sensible discipline both on and off the field."

What are Mulhall's attributes? "I'm a fully qualified F.A. coach and played 15 years in the First Division," he said. "I was at Aberdeen for nine years and then spent six with Sunderland. From there I went to South Africa for two years to Cape Town as a player and also as a coach. I coached at Halifax before becoming manager."

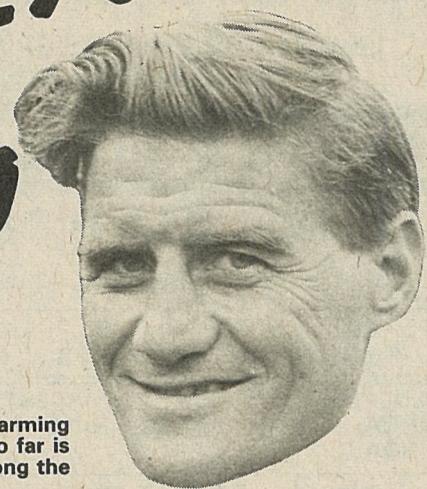
"I've a wide knowledge of the game and I've been on this side of the fence for eight or nine years now."

"Brian Edwards, the former Bolton left-half, is my number two. He's been in the game for about 27 years now, so he's also very experienced."

"It is a challenge at Bradford, but all managers' jobs are challenges. Initially I hope to get the club on a sound financial footing and then take the team into the Third Division."



The POMPEY CHIMES are ringing again



ONE of the most heartwarming things of the season so far is Portsmouth's climb up among the Fourth Division leaders.

It's great to see the famous old Fratton Park club enjoying a bit of success at last. They have been down in the dumps far too long.

Portsmouth have been in decline for a long, long time. In fact you would have to be over 30 years old to have been around when they were last a real power in the game.

That was soon after the war — and what a power they were! The famous Pompey Chimes rang out from a packed Fratton week after week as the star studded Portsmouth side swept to the First Division Championship in successive seasons — 1948/9 and 49/50.

And complacency cost them a Wembley F.A. Cup Final appearance in 1949. They were favourites to beat Leicester City in the Semi-Final at Highbury. But they never began to hit peak form and slumped to a shock 3-1 defeat.

Powerful

There seemed no limit to what that powerful Portsmouth team could achieve and the names of some of the players of those glory days roll easily off the tongue.

There was Jimmy Dickinson (above) — yes, the same Dickinson who is the manager today, Jack Froggatt, Len Phillips, Peter Harris, Duggie Reid and Reg Flewin.

They were the team everybody feared and it seemed would dominate English football for years.

But suddenly the great players grew older, Portsmouth could never replace them and suddenly they were on the slide.

They held on to their First Division status for a few more years before the inevitable relegation came in 1959.

And worse was to follow. For three years later they plummeted into the Third Division.

They were back after one season and spent the next 14 years as a Second Division club. In 1976 they dropped into the Third again — and their biggest humiliation came at the end of last season when they were relegated to the Fourth for the first time in their history.

They have battled against a crippling financial situation for most of the last 20 years.

And it was a shortage of cash that forced them to take the revolu-

tionary step of operating with only one team. They were so hard up they had to scrap reserve and junior teams and abandon their youth policy.

Things got a lot worse and for a long time the very existence of the club was threatened.

They were so desperate at one stage they had to launch a public appeal for money — take the hat round among the local community — to raise some cash to keep the club alive.

Their position was so desperate at one time there seemed to be no way they could survive.

But they cut back to the bone, they scrimped and scraped, they knuckled down — and they battled through.

They are still by no means the richest club in the country. But the vultures that were hovering overhead, waiting to swoop on the corpse of Portsmouth, have flown away.

In the last few years — although results were not good — the club had the satisfaction of seeing some fine young players emerge.

Their progress was hindered because they were playing in a struggling side. But now they are winning more matches than they lose they are really beginning to bloom.

Dickinson — the club's most famous name — has survived all the traumas and crises and is now the manager who looks like guiding them to better things.

He joined Portsmouth in 1943, gained 48 caps for England and set a record 764 appearances before retiring in 1965.

After a long stint as secretary he readily accepted when he was asked to become manager in April, 1977.

"We've had to battle to stay alive and have always had to count every penny over the last few years," said Dickinson.

"But that can be no bad thing at times — for it makes you appreciate the good things in football life, instead of taking them for granted — as so many do.

Let's hope they keep it going so the good times — and the Pompey Chimes — will ring even louder — and longer at Fratton Park.

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IKE every Scotland fan, I was glad to see the end of 1978. It was, without doubt, the worst year for the national team I can remember . . . it wasn't a very happy year for Andy Gray, either!

Yet 1978 began full of hope. We'd qualified for the World Cup Finals in Argentina and there was everything to look forward to.

It still hurts to think about the disappointment of the World Cup; more than anything, I hope a lesson was learned by all. I'm sure it was.

The biggest lesson is nothing is won until after the event. Looking back, everyone was much too confident before the squad left and Ally MacLeod's exuberance gave people false hopes.

Over-confidence has been part of Scottish tradition over the years, yet never was it more evident than just before Argentina. The manager gave the Press the sort of quotes they loved and everyone lapped up the "just watch us go" atmosphere that surrounded the squad.

The big send-off at Hampden Park before all the fans was wrong. That sort of scene should have been kept for any jubilant return.

The warning bells began to sound during the British Championship, when Scotland drew with Northern Ireland and Wales before losing 1-0 to England. Defeat by the Auld Enemy is hardly the best way to leave for the World Cup Finals!

I think Ally MacLeod was too loyal to certain players and he took some to Argentina who either weren't fit or out of form. I can't see Jock Stein being as loyal . . . that is, he'll back his players 100 per cent, but sentiment won't enter into his plans.

The shadow of the World Cup still looms over Scottish football. After each defeat, the events of Argentina are brought up.

I believe Jock Stein has now assessed his squad and 1979 will see him making changes. He's given players the chance to show what

they can do, but with two defeats in the three post-Argentina matches, Scottish soccer is at a low point.

Scotland just can't seem to win away from home. At Hampden, backed by our marvellous supporters, we're almost unbeatable, but away from there it's a different story.

I believe this is now inhibiting some players and Jock Stein was quoted as saying some of the lads may be even frightened of playing on opponents' grounds, remembering what happened in Argentina.

Even though we're in the middle of the European Championship, I expect Mr. Stein to make changes and introduce some youngsters, such as Tony Fitzpatrick, Roy Aitken, Frank McGarvey, Dave Narey and Kevin Hegarty. The Scottish Under-21 team had a fine 3-0 win in Portugal and by all accounts the performance matched the result.

I've played in just one game — the one in Vienna when we lost 3-2 to Austria. It was a difficult tie: Scotland wanted to forget the World Cup, while the Austrians were cock-a-hoop after their success.

If I'm honest, I must admit Scotland are still some way from being a real force in Europe. However, under Jock Stein — the manager I

'1978—

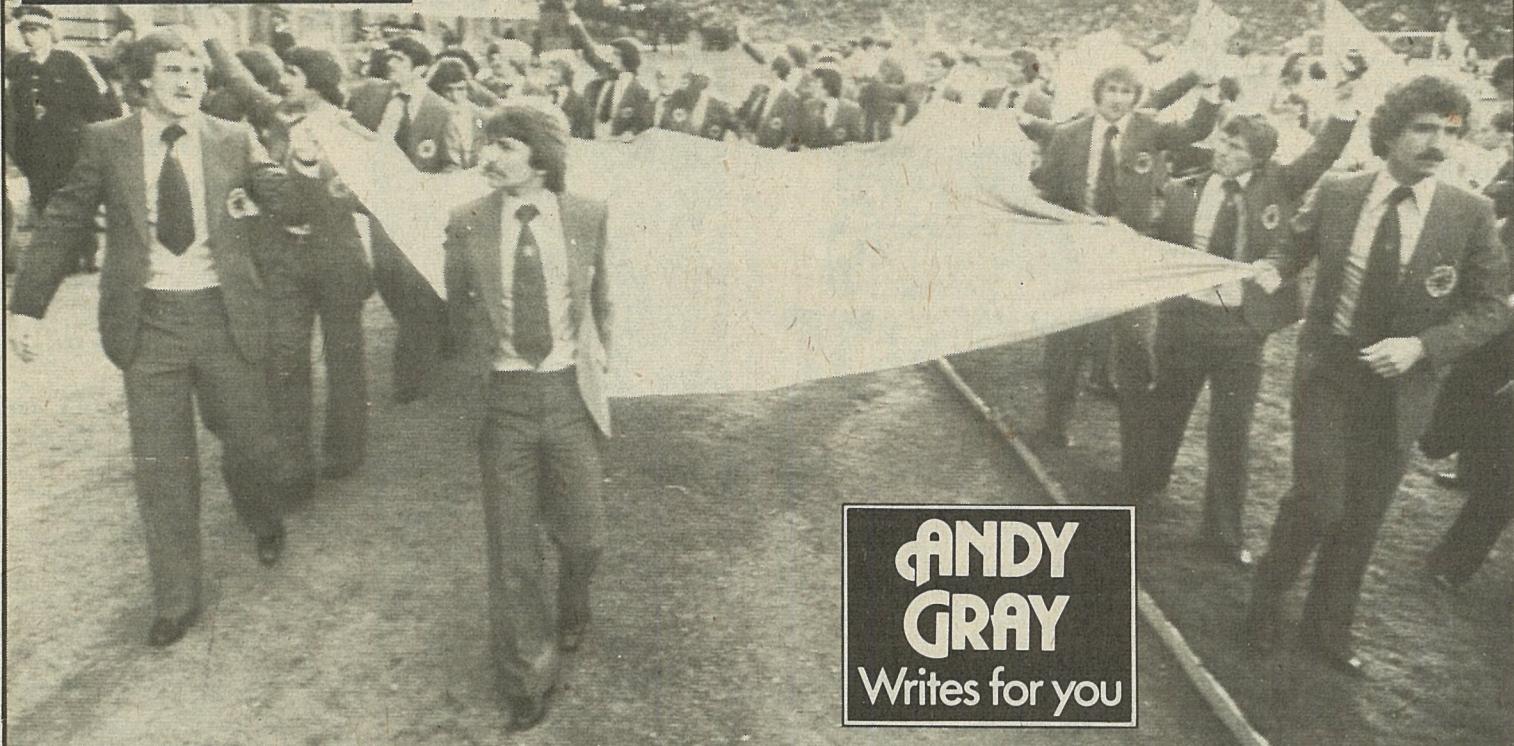
have always thought should have the Scotland job — I think we will become a tighter unit.

I'm not suggesting Scotland will go away and play defensively, but because of the manager's vast experience in the European Cup with Celtic, Scotland will be more aware tactically of the needs of soc-



"I was sidelined through injury a lot during 1978"

"Scotland's big send-off for the World Cup Finals was wrong"



**ANDY
GRAY**
Writes for you

A YEAR TO FORGET'

cer at the highest level.

Confidence plays a big part in football. Once we get that elusive away win, I'm sure we can build on it. I was very impressed with Northern Ireland's 2-0 win in Bulgaria. If they can do it . . . why can't Scotland? I wish I knew!

The Irish seem to be having a

good run right now, while Scotland are having bad results. Soccer goes in cycles and after some time in the doldrums, England are doing well again.

I hope 1979 sees a change of fortune for Scotland . . . and myself!

I want to forget 1978, which was

definitely my worst-ever year. I've had more injuries than I care to remember, but those people who say I'm injury-prone are way off-target.

In my five years as a professional, my appearances record has been good, until 1978. I'm unlucky, not injury-prone and I certainly shan't

be changing my style in an effort to steer clear of knocks.

My game is all about going in where it hurts. I went a long time without a serious injury, but 1978 saw me sidelined twice with ligament trouble. Because of this, my career has not really progressed over the past 12 months and I aim to make up for lost time in '79.

I've become more philosophical about injuries. Rushing back too quickly is silly; better to wait that extra week.

Villa have had a lot of players injured this season, but we shouldn't really blame our inconsistent League form on this. Our away results are good; it's at Villa Park we've struggled, where we've found it hard to break down teams who put the shutters up.

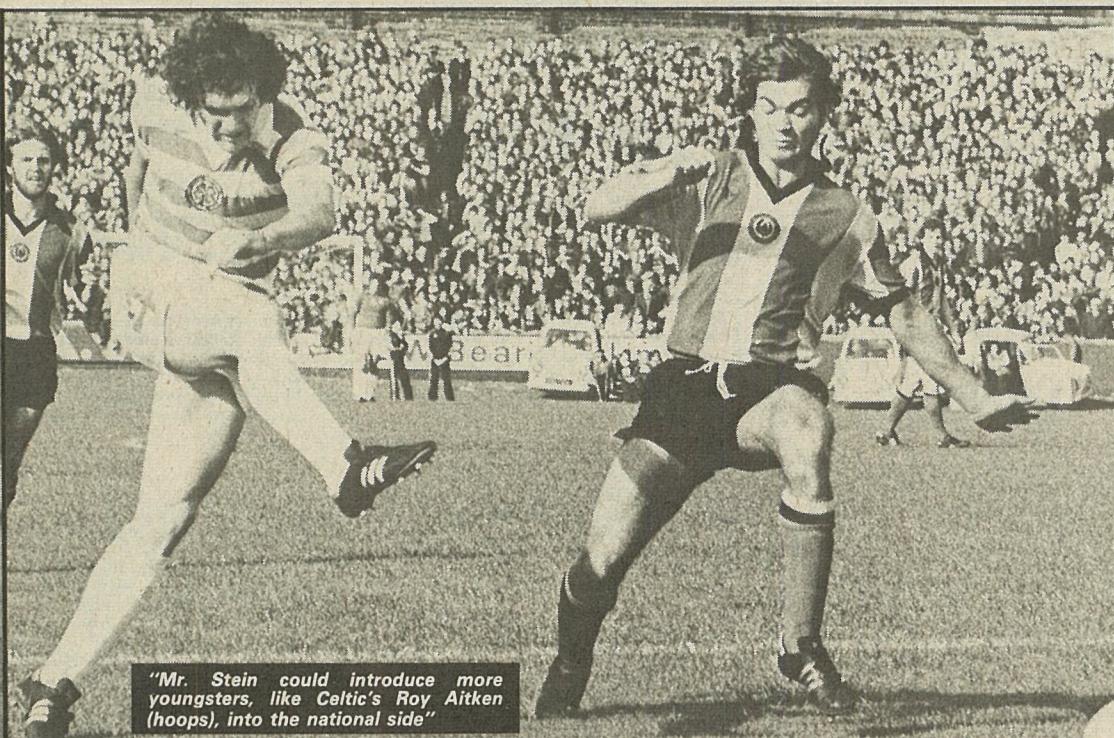
This Saturday (January 6th), Villa are involved in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. And what a game in prospect — away to League Champions Nottingham Forest.

We played them at home in September and were a little unfortunate to lose 2-1. However, I am confident we can reverse that result and progress through to the next round.

My aims for 1979? Simply to have a long run in the Villa side and hope this will enable me to play for Scotland again as well. I want to help both club and country to have a better 1979 than '78!

See you in a fortnight,

"Mr. Stein could introduce more youngsters, like Celtic's Roy Aitken (hoops), into the national side"



WEMBLEY BORN

COLIN FRANKS (Sheffield United), Bobby Fisher (Orient), and Roger Connell (Wimbledon) are among the hundreds currently on the Football League trail who have never played in a Wembley F.A. Cup Final, but are more ambitious than most to do so. This is why: All three happen to have been born at Wembley.

COVENTRY City's gates averaged 23,342 at their first ten home games this season.

The League game against Liverpool, at Highfield Road, on January 20 is expected to boost the average attendance even higher.

DOWN the years there have been some outstanding 'penalty-kings' — Johnny Giles, Phil Neal, David Peach, Stan Lynn, etc. — and right now Bradford City believe they've got one to beat the lot.

Local-born Terry Dolan hasn't yet missed from the spot for The Paraders, making ten successful conversions in the past two seasons.

One more success will make him the club's top penalty-taker in a history of 55 years.

FACTastic

AT the end of Everton's first season at Goodison Park when they finished third in the League, the total gate receipts for the season were £8,815 19s. 1d. Their record attendance that season — 30,000 against Preston North End — produced takings of £736!

GRIMSBY Town are one club who certainly can't complain about the number of players they have capable of scoring goals. When Geoff Barker hit the winner against Newport recently, he became the 12th member of the first team squad to have netted this season.

MIDDLESBROUGH defender Willie Maddren has taken over a sports outfitters' shop in Stockton. Another former Boro player, Bill Gates, is in the same business.

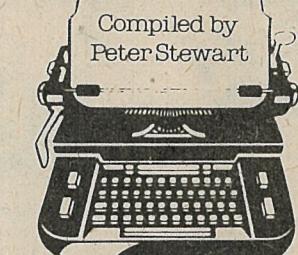
Maddren has not given up hope of a come-back, though he has been out of action with a knee injury for over 15 months.

No boss

QUEEN of the South started the New Year without a manager and will probably finish the season without one. The board of directors have decided not to rush the appointment of a new man to succeed Willie Hunter who resigned after only four months in the job. Hunter came to Dumfries from Portsmouth where he was assistant-manager.



NEWS



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DESK

NOEL Parkinson, 19-year-old Ipswich midfielder or defender, has so far won more sporting honours outside of football.

He has played cricket for his home county, Humberside, and Rugby Union for his home town, Hull. In fact, he learned his soccer at a rugby playing school.

A regular member of Ipswich's Football Combination side, he has also played for an F.A. Youth team.

IN a recent survey by Jimmy Magee the popular Eire broadcaster, some distressing figures for the Republic of Ireland clubs were revealed.

The average receipts for the eight game programme every Sunday was only £5,500, which represented an average overall attendance of 9,000.

POWER LESS

THE lights certainly went out on St. Johnstone during their First Division match against Clydebank at Kilbowie Park recently. The Saints were 2-0 up and heading for two vital points when there was a power failure and the game was left in darkness ten minutes after half-time.

The referee eventually abandoned the game and this means, of course, it will have to be replayed. Saints' manager Alex Stuart said: "It was heartbreaking, but, really, the referee had little option."

And on the same day in Scotland there were only four minutes to go of a Second Division match between Brechin City and Albion Rovers at Glebe Park when their floodlights were hit by a power cut. Brechin were leading 1-0 at the time and there was a wait of 20 minutes before the lights came on again. Rovers must have got things sorted out in that unscheduled break because they equalised with only 30 seconds to go!

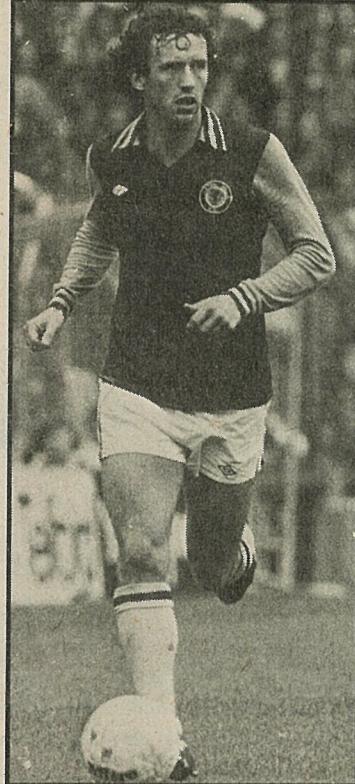
HALIFAX Town manager George Kirby hit on a novel way of disciplining two of his players — Bob Mountford and Bobby Campbell — when they stepped out of line recently. He made them go to a local school in their own time — and give an hour's coaching session!

End for Willie?

FORMER Rangers and Scottish international right-winger Willie Henderson (left) who has entertained soccer fans for almost two decades, may hang up his boots at the end of the season. Henderson, who had a brief spell South of the border with Sheffield Wednesday and another period in Hong Kong, is at present with Airdrie. He has suffered a nasty groin injury this term and it might be enough to persuade him to bow out of the game to which he brought so much colour with his spectacular touch-line raiding.

JOHN GIDMAN

happy to stay at VILLA



IT hasn't been the happiest of seasons for Aston Villa full-back John Gidman. He missed many games through an ankle injury and then slapped in a transfer request after being criticised for "lack of effort" by manager Ron Saunders.

Now, Giddy is back to his best and was happy to be in the England B side which played in Czechoslovakia.

John has withdrawn his transfer request and says: "My aim is to get back into the full England team."

Gidman has just one full cap, which he won against Luxembourg in 1977.

"The transfer business is over and now I want to play as well as I can for Villa, hoping to catch Ron Greenwood's eye."

A problem for Giddy is the emergence of Forest's Viv Anderson, but a fully fit and in-form John Gidman can't be ignored by the England boss.

DO David Stride (Chelsea), Peter Shirliff (Sheffield Wednesday), and Neil Cordice (Northampton) realise the tie-up that exists between them? All have been booked this season when making their Football League debuts, and none of them was more than 18 at the time!

POP'S 200

WEST Ham's popular striker Bryan Robson scored his 200th League goal in The Hammers' 2-0 win over Charlton at Upton Park on December 16th. That was Pop's 17th goal of the season — 16 of them in the League.

Bet West Ham are glad they didn't let him go during the summer. Blackburn, Norwich and Sunderland all inquired about the striker who has more friends in the game than any other player... so it seems.

A Mr. R. M. Morris is keen to start a Scottish Branch of the Nottingham Forest Supporters' Club. Anyone interested in joining should write to Mr. Morris at 22 Whiteleaf Crescent, Balerno, Edinburgh EH14 7HF, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

ONE of soccer's most unusual facts is Alan Ball is the only current player to have converted two first-minute penalty-kicks.

He did so for Arsenal against West Ham after only 40 seconds in March, 1976, and again for Arsenal, also against West Ham after 55 seconds.

DOWN-TO-EARTH

BRIAN Marwood, 18-year-old Hull midfielder, has a real down-to-earth philosophy about the game.

His greatest ambition in the game is to do well and be successful — and he isn't a star worshipper, either. "I just admire anyone who gives 100 per cent," says the Easington-born youngster.

Brian has already tasted a little success — and appears destined for more. He was ever present in the Northern Intermediate Championship winning team last season and also won the Young Player of the Year award for 1978.

NOTTS County have signed strikers David Clarke and Robert Eaton on associate schoolboy forms.

Clarke and Eaton are rated the best two under-14 players in the district and County have beaten a host of more glamorous clubs for their signatures.

Jimmy On Target

GLENTORAN striker Jimmy Martin won the hearts of Oval fans with his goal-a-game average in his opening eight outings for the East Belfast side.

Incidentally, goal-happy Martin, signed from arch-rivals Linfield as part of the deal which took ex-Glen's idol Warren Feeney to Windsor Park this term, hit 29 goals in The Blues' League and Cup "double" campaign last term.

LEE SWITCH



SUNDERLAND are certainly getting their money's worth out of Bob Lee — even if it isn't in the position they expected to.

Lee was signed as a striker for £200,000 from Leicester in September, 1976, by then manager Bob Stokoe.

But this season Jimmy Adamson, boss at Roker before moving on to Leeds in October, switched Lee to midfield — and he has really been showing what he can do. Dave Merrington, Adamson's right-hand man at Roker at the time, was the first to suggest that Lee be switched to midfield.

Merrington said: "I thought Bob was capable of getting better and better in a midfield role."

HONOURS LIST

UNTIL Stanley Matthews was awarded the CBE in 1957 no other professional footballer had been so honoured.

Since then, however, there have been four knighthoods bestowed (one of them to Matthews) 14 OBE's, 12 MBE's and eight CBE's.

BOHEMIANS the reigning Eire Champs recently opened their souvenir shop. On the same day Shelbourne produced their first programme for a League game in 25 years.

BRENTFORD striker John Murray, the former Reading player, has had his contract cancelled by mutual consent.

THE long and the short of it . . . I liked the quote from one manager about a none-too-tall goalkeeper: "He's so small he has got to jump for the low balls" . . . and from another boss on another keeper: "He's 6ft. 4in. when he's standing and 4ft. 3in. when he's jumping!"

Sometimes you just cannot win.

MICHAEL Barnes, 18-year-old younger brother of Manchester City's England winger Peter, has signed pro forms at Maine Road.

Michael, son of City's chief scout Ken Barnes, was on schoolboy forms before graduating to the apprentice ranks at City.

THESE are record-breaking days at Aldershot's Recreation Ground.

Last season The Shots went through all 23 home games unbeaten for the first time ever.

More recently, in beating Doncaster Rovers 2-1, they set up another club record of 13 successive matches unbeaten.

GARY Bailey, Manchester United's exciting new goalkeeper, can't wait to make his tenth first team appearance.

For Gary will be offered more money when he achieves the magic figure. He will be offered a new contract and a lucrative salary comparable with the other first teamers.

Gary, who grew up in South Africa, was signed at the start of the season from amateur football. He played for Witstrand University in Johannesburg where he had just completed one year of a degree course.

SEVERAL former famous referees became League club administrators, and now look at what has happened more recently. Wolves's appointment this season of Jack Taylor as commercial manager has followed such cases as Jim Finney (Hereford United) and Keith Walker (Sheffield United), other ex-referees who are on the admin. staffs of League clubs.

K.J. as good as K.K.

HANDS up those who've heard of Kevin Johnson. Well supporters of the Fourth Division will probably be able to tell you that Kevin is a midfield player with Halifax Town who has drifted around the lower Divisions with clubs like Workington, Southend and Huddersfield as well as Halifax.

Yet his current manager at the Shay, George Kirby reckons that Johnson is as good as another Kevin you've probably heard of — Kevin Keegan!

"The one great difference between Keegan and Johnson is application — that's all," insists Kirby.

"Johnson has as much talent, in fact his ball skills are equal to those of any First Division player — and better than most. Unfortunately Kevin doesn't apply himself as well as Keegan and it shows in his play.

"Since I came here practically every goal we have scored has stemmed from Kevin. But at the same time his mistakes have allowed the opposition to get goals as well.

"I regard him as the kingpin of the side though, and if I get Kevin playing to his full potential we'll soon move away from the bottom of the table."



FIT FOR CHELSEA

CHELSEA's Scottish international defender David Hay could be fit to return to League football later this month. He had a cartilage operation last month.

Hay's teammate Gary Locke is also expected to be fit for first team duty at Stamford Bridge this month. The full-back has been in plaster after an ankle operation.

And Micky Droy Chelsea's 6ft. 4ins. tall centre-half, could make it a hat-trick of comebacks.

He is on a crash training course and receiving expert physiotherapy at the Bridge from Eddie Franklin after a major kidney operation.

"If the team had been winning regularly I might not have felt so helpless" confesses Micky. "But we've had a bad time, and it hurts not being able to lend a hand out there on the pitch."

BELIEVE it or not, but it's a fact only one player ever hit a hat-trick for England in a full international against any of the Iron Curtain countries. It happened in October, 1958, and the player who did it was always noted more as a schemer than a scorer. He was Fulham's Johnny Haynes, who collected three goals against Russia at Wembley.

Cliftonville's First-Timers!

THE recent £60,000 double-transfer of exciting Cliftonville midfield aces Barney Bowers and Ciaran McCurry, to Derby County and Luton Town, respectively, gave the one-time all-amateur Belfast outfit their first-ever major cross-channel sales.

Potentially brilliant Bowers, a former Northern Ireland Youth cap and already a full Irish panellist, cost Derby a £40,000 fee, while talented and promising McCurry, also an ex-Youth international starlet, figured in a cool, bargain-buy £20,000 deal which took him to Kenilworth Road.

Incidentally, both players joined up with fellow-Ulstermen recently signed by Football League clubs, Bowers with ex-Glentoran pair Billy Caskey and Vic Moreland, and McCurry with Mal Donaghy (ex-Larne) and former Linfield defender Terry Hayes, at Luton.

CHASING COYNE



A FOURTH Division player who was given a free transfer by Manchester United a couple of years ago is set to show them they were wrong. Peter Coyne is scoring so frequently for Crewe Alexandra that he could soon find himself back at the top with Arsenal, Coventry or Spurs.

FEW managers in the Football League or outside it survive for 14 years. But Terry Bly was Grantham's Southern League chief from 1964 until his recent dismissal.

He holds a League record, too. A total of 52 goals for Peterborough United in 1960-61 (Fourth Division) is the highest by any player in any Division since the War.

SCOTLAND's coaching director Andy Roxburgh flies to Italy this month (Jan) to coach Italy's managers.

He will lecture managers from Internazionale, A.C. Milan, Juventus and representatives from other leading Italian clubs.

Andy says: "The chance comes as a direct result of Italian coaches being here earlier in the year looking at the Scottish game."

• Bolton are introducing a Player of the Month award. Winners will have the use of a car for a month.

TERRY Hennessey, the former Welsh international, Nottingham Forest and Derby player, starts a new career in the United States next month (February).

Hennessey has joined former Derby team-mate Alan Hinton at Tulsa.

READERS of Birmingham's Sports Argus have voted John Motson from the BBC's Match-of-the-Day team, the country's top soccer commentator.

PETER Daly, an 18-year-old midfielder with Leeds, is still a great fan of Glasgow Celtic.

The Hamilton-born player says: "I've taken an interest in Celtic for just as long as I can remember."

OF all the 92 Football League clubs the one which has avoided a home defeat in the F.A. Cup longest of all is — who else? — Liverpool. They have won 11 and drawn seven of the last 18 Anfield ties since Leicester City were 1-0 winners in a Fifth Round replay in season 1968-69.

NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT CONTAINS NEWS OF AN EXCITING FREE GIFT



Next week we'll give you full details of the great gift we're giving away with our January 27th issue — on sale January 18th. It's an excellent football album with spaces for 594 full-colour stickers of badges, players, managers and team-groups from clubs in the English First and Second Divisions and the Scottish Premier Division. With the album you'll also receive one packet of stickers. And in the following issue you'll receive another two packets of stickers (12 in all). You'll be able to complete your collection by purchasing further stickers from newsagents and certain other retailers.

Unfortunately, the free gifts are only available to readers in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

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HAT-TRICK HEROES

DAVID CROSS (West Ham) 'All-round threesome'

WEST HAM forward David Cross has two good reasons for remembering his hat-trick against Notts County on the opening day of the season.

He says: "First, we wanted to get off to a good start in the Second Division. And I was anxious to do well as it was the start of my first full season with the club.

"Second, I was pleased because it was an all-round threesome. I scored with my head, my right foot and then my left foot.

"The first was a far post header from an acute angle. Bryan Robson was very honest about it because he banged the ball into the back of the net and everyone thought he had scored.

"But he told me the ball had already crossed the line and it was rightly credited to me.

"I scored the second with my right foot after a right-wing cross from Pat Holland. Bryan Robson set me up for the third, a left-footer

in the second-half."

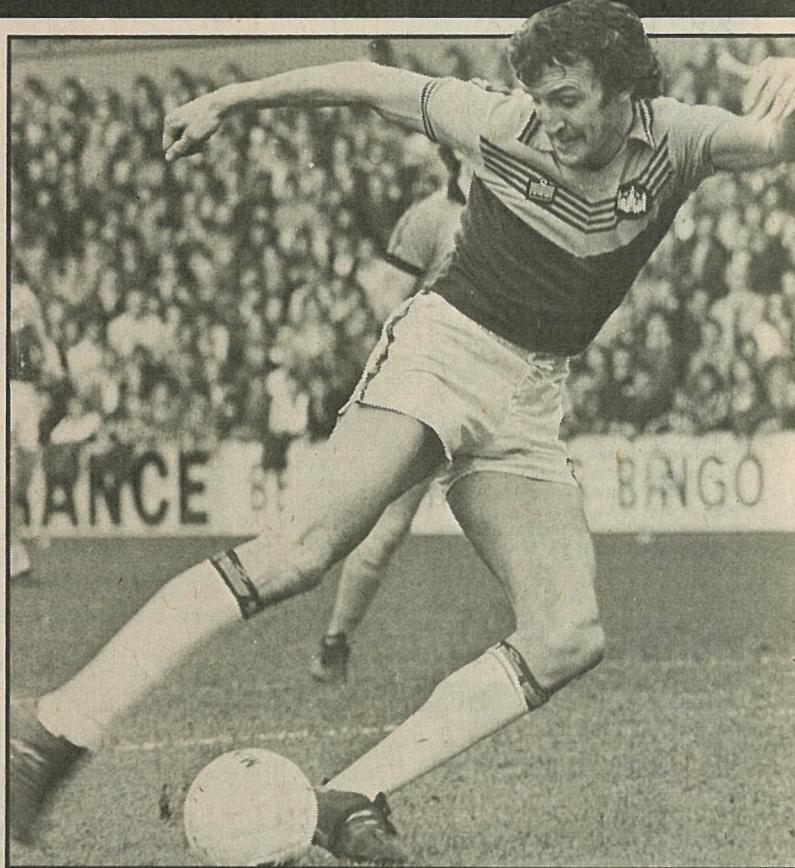
That was Cross's second hat-trick of 1978 at Upton Park, for on Good Friday he hit three in eight minutes.

David is making a habit of scoring on the first day of a new campaign. Three seasons ago, at Coventry, he scored on the first and last days of the season.

"Somebody put it up to the Guinness Book of Records, but they wouldn't accept it as a record event," he reveals.

And Cross reckons he's good for a few more hat-tricks yet. "I tend to score in bunches. I'll go a few matches without scoring and then hit two or three. It often works that way. After you score one you feel relieved because you know you've done half your job already. It's psychological.

"West Ham United is a very good club for forwards. I scored 21 goals in my first 40 games for them."



FRANK STAPLETON (Arsenal) 'I proved Johnny Giles wrong'

ALL hat-trick heroes know that sweet feeling of all-conquering satisfaction. But for Arsenal's Frank Stapleton it was something special.

His first League hat-trick, in November, came just a week after he had been snubbed by Republic

of Ireland manager Johnny Giles and left out of the Dublin match against England.

A surprise decision — and Ipswich felt the sharp edge of the angry Irishman's back-lash.

Stapleton says: "Johnny explained to me why he'd left me

out. He felt he had chosen the right team for the job.

"Yet I still felt disappointed, and hope I've shown him a thing or two with those three goals a few days later.

"The first came from a slow build-up on the left. Graham Rix was involved before Sammy Nelson crossed the ball and I headed it in from the six yard line.

"The second, also a header, came from about the same range. I scored the third with my right foot from a 'Chippy' Brady free-kick.

"I had always wanted to get a hat-trick in the League. The only other times I can remember getting three was as a kid, and in a testimonial game.

"I always go out looking for three. That way you often stand a chance of getting at least one or two. Once you have scored it's always easier to do so again because you feel more relaxed, and on top of your game.

"The players at Arsenal are very good because they help you when you are looking for your hat-trick goal. They shout you on and try to make sure you get the chance to score again."



Frank Stapleton is on hand to hit his third and Arsenal's fourth against Ipswich at Highbury.

... four strikers talk about their goalscoring feats of the season



PAUL RANDALL (Bristol Rovers)

'Incredible match against Charlton'

PAUL Randall, who only broke into the Bristol Rovers first team last season, has already scored two hat-tricks in the Second Division this term.

Blackburn were his first victims early in the season. Then he grabbed another three in an incredible 5-5 match against Charlton at Eastville.

He says: "I've already forgotten the three against Blackburn — that

was a long time ago. But I remember the ones against Charlton.

"The first came from a long throw-in on the left, which Dave Staniforth knocked on and I struck home on the half-volley.

"There's no chance of me forgetting the second, because it was a header. I don't get many of those. It was from a corner, which centre-half Stuart Taylor flicked on to me.

"That's one of our set pieces. It gave me particular satisfaction, because we work on those all week. When they come off on a Saturday, it makes all the mid-week practice feel worthwhile. Basically, we work on four different types of corner-kicks and that one has brought us quite a few goals.

"The one that clinched my hat-trick against Charlton was one of

those rebounds that strikers have to look-out for.

"Peter Aitken took a free-kick on the edge of the box, which looked to be going straight in until the keeper got across and parried it.

"I followed-up and had a simple job to push it in. But those goals are as important as any others. It's a question of anticipating the play to make sure you're in the right spot at the right time."



WAYNE ENTWISTLE (Sunderland) 'Great for the fans'

WAYNE Entwistle's hat-trick for Sunderland couldn't have come at a more crucial time.

The 20-year-old striker, a £30,000 signing from Bury, had gone nine games without a goal when he ran out to face Bristol Rovers.

He admits: "I'd been getting stick from the fans and I felt under pressure for my place. So the hat-trick couldn't have come at a better time.

"The first one started with a long through ball, which I got on the edge of the box and whacked into the corner.

"I felt relief more than anything when that one went in, but then I got one that I really enjoyed. I set off from about the halfway line, outpaced a couple of defenders for a through ball, and put it away in the corner.

"That gave me a lot of satisfaction, but I felt even better when I made it three. The last one resulted from a far post cross from Mickey Henderson, which I stuck past the keeper."

Entwistle is having his first season as a regular in the Sunderland League side, and the goals against Rovers were a reward for his tre-

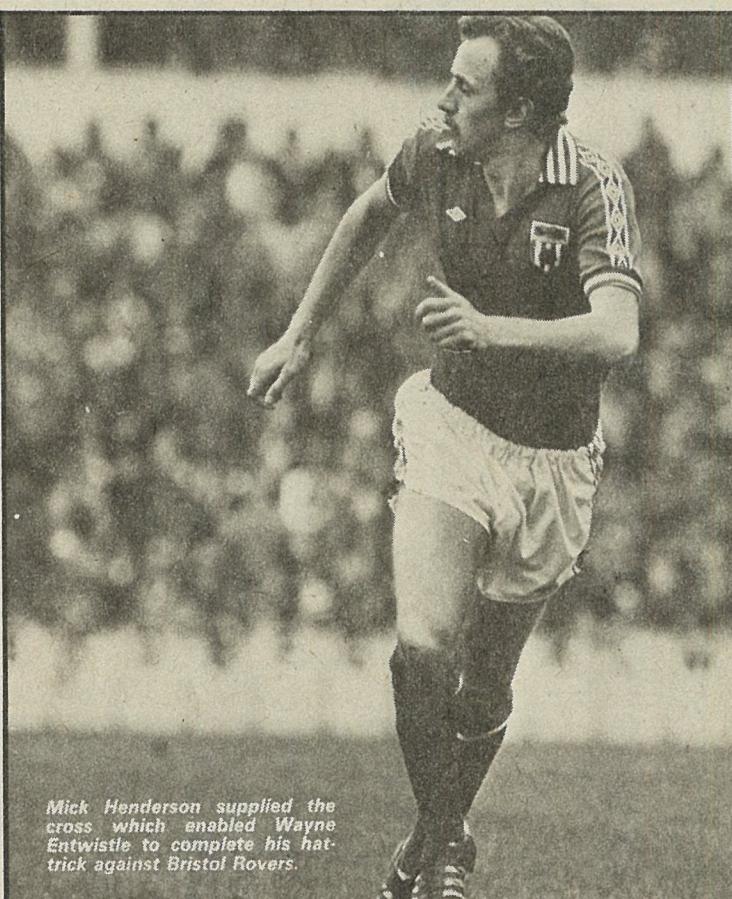


mendous dedication.

He admits: "I've been going back in the afternoon to train on my own. I practise my shooting during that session, so it's nice when that pays off in games."

The lad's now become a favourite with the fans, but he knows the Roker Park supporters, like every other group, can be a fickle lot.

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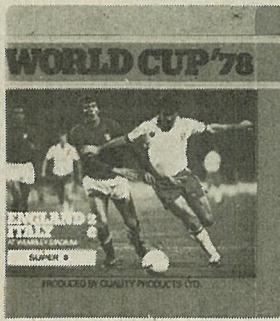
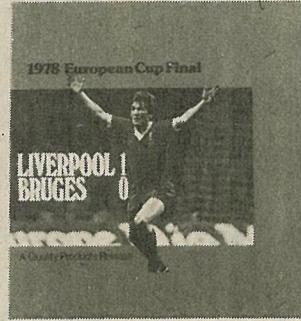
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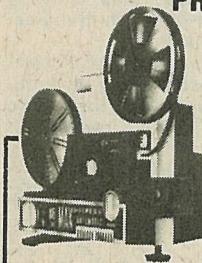
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Newcastle players with the F.A. Cup after their win v. Arsenal in 1952.



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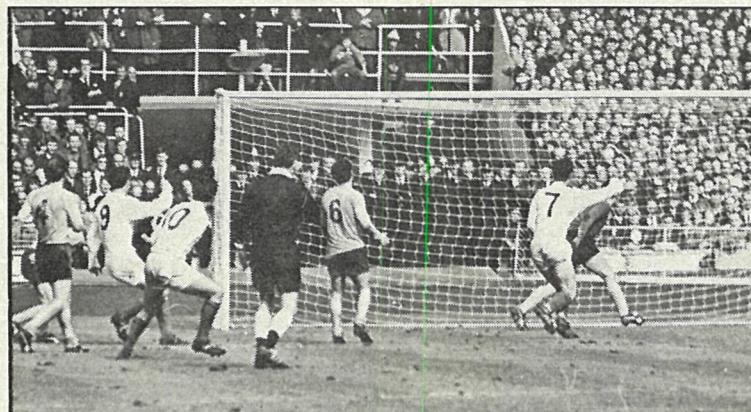
IN 1878, ten years before the formation of the Football League, Nottingham Forest appeared in the F.A. Cup for the first time and reached the Semi-Finals, only to be beaten by Old Etonians. A year later Forest again reached the Semis after beating Blackburn Rovers 6-0 in an earlier round. Again they were robbed of a place in the Final by Oxford University. Nottingham Forest had to wait 20 years before they won the trophy.

N. FOREST are the only club to have played F.A. Cup-ties against each of the other three home countries — 1885 v. Queen's Park (Glasgow); 1889 v. Linfield Athletic (N. Ireland) and in more recent years v. Swansea and Cardiff.

LOWEST GATE

WHEN Darlington drew their home First Round tie with Wrexham in November, 1972 only 1,763 fans watched the game, the smallest gate in an F.A. Cup-tie between League sides since the War. Yet on Feb. 18, 1956 the two Merseyside clubs, both drawn at home, were watched by a total of 119,100 spec-

F.A.CUP FACTS...



Jeff Astle (above, number nine) scores the only and winning goal against Everton in the 1968 Cup Final. Howard Kendall (below, left) became the youngest player to appear in a Final when he starred for Preston against West Ham in 1964.

tators — 61,572 at Everton v. Chelsea and 57,528 at Liverpool v. Manchester City.

SINCE Wembley became the "home" of the Final in 1923 extra-time has been played on seven occasions. In the 50 Finals between 1923 and last season 153 goals have been scored, but only five of the winning teams hit four goals, the last being in 1953 when Blackpool beat Bolton.

MANCHESTER UNITED have been Cup-winners three times since 1946, yet during 20 seasons between 1920 and 1939 they only once reached the Semi-Finals. They were k.o'd in the Third Round nine times and eight times in the Fourth Round.

NINE HOUR TIE

THE longest F.A. Cup-time ever happened in 1956 when Burnley and Chelsea took FIVE games to settle their Fourth Round struggle. The scores were 1-1 at Turf Moor; 1-1 (a.e.t.) at Stamford Bridge; 2-2 (a.e.t.) at Birmingham; 0-0 (a.e.t.) at Highbury and then at Tottenham, where Chelsea won 2-0. In all they battled it out for nine hours!

TWO 'DOUBLES'

SINCE the War only two clubs have won the trophy in successive seasons — Newcastle United (1951 and '52) and Spurs (1962 and '63).

Manchester United were losing Finalists in 1958 and '59 and Arsenal lost their chance of a "double" when they won the trophy in 1971 but a year later were beaten 0-1 by Leeds in the Final. Leeds returned the following season but lost to Sunderland.

IN 1966 Everton reached the Final without conceding a goal. Their amazing record reads like this: 3-0 v. Sunderland; 3-0 v. Bedford; 3-0 v. Coventry; 2-0 v. Manchester City (after two goalless draws); 1-0 v. Manchester United. Yet in the Final they were two goals down to Sheffield Wednesday, but fought back to a 3-2 win.

SCORED IN EVERY ROUND

JEFF Astle scored in every round of West Brom's successful journey to Wembley in 1968 and celebrated by hitting the winner against Everton. Nat Lofthouse (Bolton) in 1953 and Charlie Wayman (Preston) in 1954 both scored in every round, including the Final, but in their case they were on the losing side. But genial Nat certainly made up for it in the 1958 Final when he hit the two goals for Bolton that beat Manchester United.

THE youngest player ever to appear in a Wembley Cup Final was Howard Kendall, of Preston against West Ham in 1964. He was only 17 and had played a mere nine League games before the Final. The oldest player was Stanley Matthews, one of Blackpool's winning team against Bolton Wanderers in 1953. He was 38 at the time and the 1953 Final was his third with Blackpool.

CUP VETERANS

NOTTS COUNTY are the "oldest" League club in F.A. Cup records. They have competed in every competition since 1877, have appeared in the Semi-Finals five times, and the Final twice, winning the trophy for the only time in 1894.

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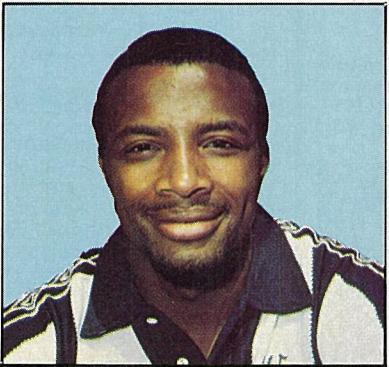


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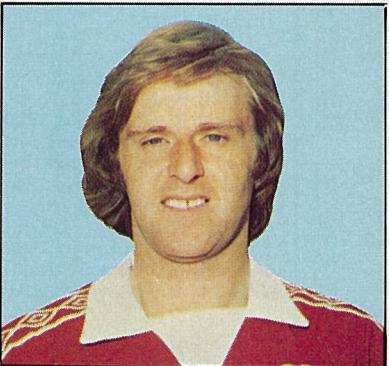
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Tony Woodcock (Nottm. For.)



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Gordon Hill (Derby)



Liverpool's Ray Kennedy (red shirt) gets the better of Martin Peters (centre) of Norwich City.

F.A.CUP



**F.A. CUP 3rd ROUND
SCOTTISH CUP 2nd ROUND**

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TOUGH DAYS

THE 1910 Cup Final was played at Crystal Palace on Saturday, April 23rd between Newcastle United and Barnsley. The result was a draw. The following Monday, United played an away League game against Bristol City. On the Wednesday they met Aston Villa in another League game, and the following day went to Goodison Park for the replayed Cup Final with Barnsley. Newcastle won 2-0. Soccer stars were tough in those days!

TWO goals in a minute were scored by Bert Turner, Charlton's left-half, in the 1946 Final — but not both for his own side. He turned a shot from a Derby County forward into his own-net and then scored from a free-kick, all in the space of 60 seconds. Charlton eventually lost 4-1.

1926-27 was a great season for Second Division sides in the Cup. Six of them reached the last eight — Chelsea, Reading, Southampton, Wolves and Swansea. The other two survivors were First Division Arsenal and Cardiff City. Alas, it was the two upper class clubs who reached the Final, and Cardiff City beat Arsenal 1-0 to become the first club to take the "English" Cup out of England.

THIRD'S FIRST

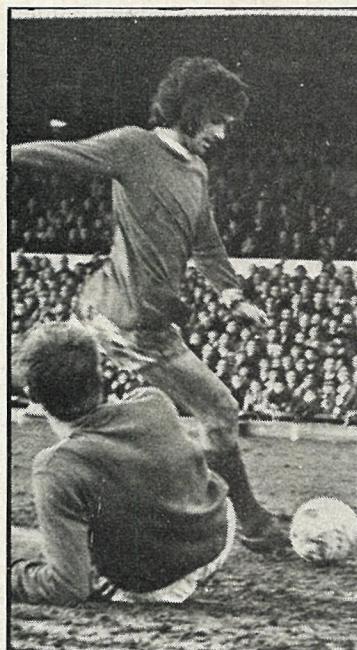
MILLWALL hold the record as the first club playing in the Third Division to reach the Cup Semi-Finals, after beating Fulham, Chelsea, Derby County and Manchester City, all but Fulham in Division One. Sunderland beat them in the Semis, but only by the odd goal in three.

YORK CITY repeated Millwall's giant-killing act in 1955 when they took Newcastle United to a replay in the Semis. Then in 1959 Norwich City carried the Third Division banner to the Semi-Finals after beating four former Cup-winners — Manchester United, Cardiff City, Spurs and Sheffield United. Terry Bly, goalgetter extraordinary, was the hero of The Canaries who were terribly unlucky to lose the chance to become the first Third Division side to reach the Final. They were beaten 1-0 in a replay by Luton Town.

NON-LEAGUE HEROES

LAST season Blyth Spartans was the first non-League side to reach the Fifth Round since Yeovil Town did so in 1948-49. Blyth were beaten 2-1 by Wrexham after a 1-1 draw. Yeovil Town lost 8-0 away to Manchester United.

IN season 1971-72 Alvechurch and Oxford City needed five replays (a record for the competition) before Alvechurch went through to the First Round with a 1-0 victory after a total of 11 hours play. They were then beaten 4-2 at Aldershot.



THERE has never been an F.A. Cup Final between two Second Division sides.

RECORD MEETINGS

BRIGHTON & Hove Albion and Watford met each other in four consecutive seasons in F.A. Cup-ties in the 1920's. This record was equalled by Manchester City and Leicester City in 1965-69.

FORMER Scottish international, Jimmy Scouler, who starred in the Football League with Portsmouth, Newcastle United and Bradford,

of F.A. Cup-ties belongs to Alex Brown, a Scottish international centre-forward with Tottenham Hotspur around the turn of the century. In 1900-01 when Spurs (then in the Southern League) became the only non-League club to win the Cup since 1888 (when the Football League was formed) Alex Brown scored a total of 15 goals.

FREE-SCORING CITY

ONE of the greatest scoring achievements by a team in the F.A. Cup was that of Manchester City in 1925-26. This was the first season under the new offside law designed to make scoring easier, and although City found themselves struggling in the League and relegated from the First Division that season they collected a bag of 31 goals in F.A. Cup-ties.

Unfortunately for them the only Cup-tie in which they failed to score that season was the Final when they were beaten 1-0 by Bolton Wanderers. Their most resounding victory was beating Crystal Palace 11-4 in the Fourth Round.

A CROWD of 63,480 paid to see the Cup holders, Newcastle United, meet Swansea Town in a Third Round tie at St. James' Park, January 10th, 1953, but they didn't get much for their money for the game was abandoned through fog after only eight minutes. There was no refund.

WHEN Barry Stobart appeared at Wembley in Wolves' Cup-winning team of 1959-60 (beating Blackburn Rovers 3-0) he created a record for the period since World War One for he had only made four Football League appearances prior to gaining his Cup-winners' medal. Stobart later played for Manchester City and Shrewsbury Town.



Barry Stobart (left) only made four League appearances before picking up a winner's medal for Wolves against Blackburn in 1960.

TOP STRIKER

THE record for the highest number of goals scored in a single season

JOINING MAN. UNITED — a dream come true for MIKE THOMAS

"THE move to Manchester United was unbelievable. It was a dream come true. They are the greatest club in the world, the sort a player would like to spend his career with."

These are the sentiments of Mike Thomas concerning his new club, following his transfer to Old Trafford from Wrexham for a fee of £300,000 in November. But in spite of joining the team he most admires, Mike still has his feet on the ground.

"At the moment I'm in the process of settling in, and this should be easier when I find a place to live in the Manchester area. Travelling from Wrexham as I've been doing

can be wearing, especially in foggy weather.

"Though I have no worries — being transferred for a sizeable sum presents no problems, as I've thought for some time that transfer fees can be ridiculous. I've left friends behind in Wrexham, but hope to make new ones when I change house."

The 24-year-old Thomas joined the Welsh club as a youngster and recalls Wrexham gave him a valuable apprenticeship.

Says Mike: "John Neal, now with Middlesbrough, was the man who signed me and introduced me to League football with Wrexham when I was 17. John gave me

many useful tips, and I owe a lot to him. He is a man I respect.

"I had some happy times at the Racecourse Ground. I played in 300 League and Cup matches for Wrexham, and one of the highlights during my spell with them was a League Cup win over Tottenham two seasons ago, when I scored a couple of goals.

"Then there was a big disappointment when Wrexham failed to get promotion to the Second Division by one point, after we had been in top place for most of the time. We did go up a year later, with our side better organised than it had been previously."

Thomas, a midfield man at

Mike (right) in action for United. "Try that for size," says boss, Dave Sexton (left).



Wrexham, reckons his role with Manchester United is one which features him as an attacker.

"I was often a central midfield player at Wrexham, whereas I'm now being used wide on the left, as a midfielder going forward.

"I enjoyed my first game for United, against Chelsea away. I found that in the First Division, players don't give the ball away easily, and I felt I hadn't done too badly. Jimmy Greenhoff, a player I've always admired, got the winner for us.

"I also like the way Sammy McIlroy and Lou Macari operate along with Steve Coppell in midfield. always busy and looking for goals. And speaking of goals, I'm hoping to get one or two myself."

In the First Division title race, Manchester United's position below the leaders doesn't alter Mike's opinion that the Old Trafford men can emerge as strong challengers.

He says: "It's impossible not to be aware of the talent available here, and I'm certain United can climb the table. Everton and Liverpool are two other teams with strength in depth.

"Now, I'm delighted to be involved with a club that is known all over the world. I've played for Wales against Scotland at Hampden, which was a great occasion, and at Old Trafford there is the opportunity to become acquainted with another ground noted for its great atmosphere. All I want to do at present is consolidate my place in the Manchester United side."

WORLD WIDE

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I'LL DRINK TO THAT!

EVERYONE has their outstanding memory of 1978. Mine was simply covering the Argentina World Cup Finals for SHOOT, an unforgettable experience in a marvellous country. Of course, there wasn't much for Scotland to smile about . . . but one incident I'll never forget happened in the hotel bar of the Scotland camp.

A few officials were sitting at a table and one had been learning Spanish — "I'll order the drinks, leave it to me."

He called the waiter over and spoke in Spanish. The waiter was puzzled. The order was repeated. The waiter brought a friend. For the third time, the order was given. Still puzzled looks.

The waiter brought the head waiter, who spoke English. The Scottish official obviously thought this unnecessary and repeated his order yet again in Spanish.

"Sir," the head waiter said diplomatically. "My waiters are puzzled because you've just ordered three swimming pools!"

BUNDESLIGA coaches are having a hard time finding opponents to man-mark Kevin Keegan when Hamburger SV are playing. Eintracht Frankfurt boss Klug gave the job to Bernd Hölzlein, a 1974 World Champion winger-turned-midfielder.

After the game, Hamburger SV's Günter Netzer said: "Hözllein has been Kevin's best opponent so far, better than all those typical defenders who just stand on his toes."

Kevin's view? "Dietz of MSV Duisburg was better . . ."

STORIES of violence in Southern Spain seem to be coming in every week now, and the latest brings news that the Second Division game between Cádiz and Betis had to be abandoned when both the referee and a linesman were hit by bottles and stones flung from the stands.

The visitors were leading 2-1 at the time, and it's becoming a monotonous routine if the home team doesn't win for the crowd to resort to violence. Two grounds have already been closed, and it looks as though Cádiz's Carranza stadium will be the third.

BIRD LOVING RECORD-BREAKER

A BRAZILIAN player has established what is possibly a South American record by scoring four goals in 12 minutes and leading his club, Atlético Paranaense, back from 0-4 to a 4-4 draw with Colorado. His name is Ziquita and he is a 6ft 2in Negro, who only takes cold showers and loves birds (the feathered kind!) — a habit that made a more illustrious predecessor, Garrincha (nicknamed Little Bird) famous all over Brazil and the world.

Twenty-two-years-old and a likeable character, Ziquita is, nevertheless, what one could call unpleasant company for his team-mates when they all go to camp the night before games. Unfortunately he takes all his birds with him — and the dawn chorus wakes them at five!

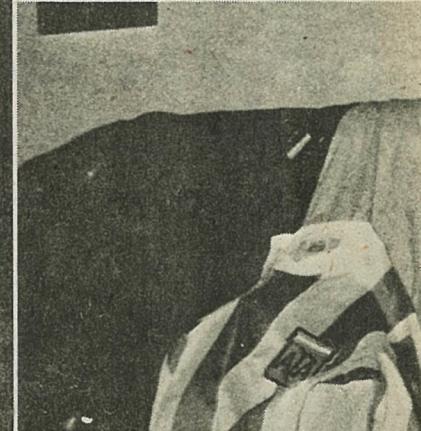
MY WORLD XI

AS 1978 ends and '79 begins, here's my Team of the Year. I've taken into account performances for club (where applicable) and country and while no journalist can possibly keep tabs on a foreign player's League form, perhaps the top players should be judged at the highest level. My team:

PETER SHILTON (England). But only by a hair's breadth. Ray Clemence, Argentina's "Pato" Filol and Sweden's Ronnie Hellström also have strong claims, but I like the way Shilton does his job. Time after time he's been the saviour of Forest and it's a shame for him Ray Clemence has been the man in possession of the England jersey. But for how much longer?

CLAUDIO GENTILE (Italy). Tell this player to do a job, and he does it. He was the only defender to keep Mario Kempes subdued during the World Cup. Gentile is hardly aptly named — he's as hard as nails and stops his man by fair means or foul! Even so, a good bloke to have

on your side.
OSCAR (Brazil). Again, effective rather than pretty to watch. A sign of the times that a Brazilian defender gets into such a team, but not a striker. Oscar looked very solid in the World Cup and only Dave Watson and David O'Leary in Europe have impressed me as much.
RUUD KROL (Holland). A difficult choice, as Argentina's Daniel Passarella was also a top-class sweeper in the World Cup. Krol, however, has been in excellent club form for Ajax and for my money is one of the most complete defenders of modern times. A great footballer and captain.
ANTONIO CABRINI (Italy). I don't think there's a really outstanding left-back in the world, but the Italian youngster had a good



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SUPERSTAR Mario Kempes with some of his souvenirs at his home in Valencia. They are the Argentina shirt he wore in the 6-0 World Cup thrashing of Peru, plus the jerseys of Gentile (Italy) and Dirceu (Brazil).

him one of the best midfielders in the world.

DIRCEU (Brazil). A natural left-sided midfielder, Dirceu emerged as his country's best player in Argentina. A tireless worker, his shooting was all you'd expect from a Brazilian. He reads the game well and can pass accurately over long or short distances. A shame the Birmingham City deal fell through. **RENE VAN DER KERKHOV** (Holland). I liked Causio of Italy in the World Cup, but the PSV twin has had a good year at club level and I particularly admire the way he defends as well as attacks.

GERD MÜLLER (West Germany). The World Cup showed us how lacking we are in world-class finishers. Müller is still scoring consistently and I've not seen a better goalscorer, apart from Kempes or possibly Hans Krankl. Gerd had scored 356 goals in 408 Bundesliga games before the start of this season and is once again up with the leaders. An incredible player, who has shown time and again the art of goalscoring. **MARIO KEMPES** (Argentina). Of course! Not much left to say about Kempes. Top scorer in Spain for the last two seasons; top scorer in the World Cup. Without him I doubt if Argentina would have won the World Cup.

World Cup and gets my vote on the strength of his performances in Argentina.

KEVIN KEEGAN (England). World-class, no doubt about it. Twice the player he was when he was with Liverpool, what a shame he couldn't parade his talents in the generally disappointing World Cup. He's shown a remarkably high level of consistency for club and country and if Real Madrid have to pay £1 million for him, he'll give them value for money.

OSVALDO ARDILES (Argentina). Those who doubted his adaptability have had to eat their words. His World Cup performances were special, and now he's showing similar form for Spurs. He's learning the art of European tackling to supplement his South American skills and the combination makes



A FEW minutes after this picture, Brazilian full-back Valtencir (on floor) died. Nivaldo, the Maringa forward (in air) landed heavily on the neck of the Colorado defender. Unconscious, Valtencir was rushed to the dressing-room, but the kiss-of-life failed to revive him and the player died because of a broken medulla and cerebral aneurysm.

Valtencir, 36, was one of Brazil's most respected players and played alongside Gerson and Jairzinho in Botafogo's golden days of the Sixties. He was planning to retire at Christmas . . .

Will Government transfer Peru stars?

ALTHOUGH Alianza Lima continue to dominate the soccer scene in Peru, the club is passing through troubled waters. Their domestic superiority is easily understood when you see the team includes eight of Peru's World Cup squad, namely: Cubillas, Cueto, Velásquez, Sotil, Rojas, Cáceres, Duarte and Larrosa.

In spite of this, Alianza are by no means a super-team on the international scene, and their recent 1-4 home defeat in the Copa Libertadores at the hands of Deportivo Cali of Colombia really put the cat among the pigeons.

Most Peruvian clubs have financial problems, but Alianza are in a particularly embarrassing position since the Peruvian government paid the transfer fees to bring Cubillas and Sotil back from Europe!

The club is still in debt to the authorities to the tune of nearly half a million pounds and, although the top stars like Cubillas insist they don't want to emigrate to lucrative contracts in the U.S.A., the authorities are beginning to exert pressure for a couple of the big names from the World Cup squad to be exported so the government can recoup some of its cash.

LAST-GASP DERBY SENSATION

IN Madrid, the Atlético - Real match had everything you would expect from a top-level local derby. More than 60,000 fans paid £200,000 to watch Juanito shoot Real into a fourth minute lead. Then Atlético captain Rubén Ayala missed a penalty before Leivinha headed a 24th minute equaliser.

Santillana gave Real the lead again in the 77th minute, but there was a late sensation when referee García Carrion gave Atlético a second penalty just 15 seconds from the end.

His decision caused scuffles among the players and disturbances in the crowd, and Atlético striker Rubén Cano became the sixth player to go into the book when he was given marching orders.

Finally, Rubio stepped up to take the spot-kick . . . and Real goalkeeper Miguel Angel made his second save of the match!

Unfortunately, Atlético's Brazilian sweeper Luiz Pereira swept in the rebound to give his team a last-gasp 2-2 draw.

NEWS FLASHES

Klaus Fichtel of Schalke 04 scored the 15,000th Bundesliga goal, in the 89th minute of the game against Borussia Dortmund. Even so, there was still time for goal number 15,001 to be scored in the same match.

Austria have played 13 games in 1978 and four players have been ever-present: Robert Sara, Pezzey, Prohaska and Krankl.

Francisco Marinho, Brazil's fallen idol, has finally signed for the Cosmos for a fee of £150,000. The blond left-back will line up alongside another Brazilian, sweeper Carlos Alberto.



Action from the Atlético v. Real Madrid local derby which ended 2-2.

CHUNG'S TASK

FORMER Wolves' manager Sammy Chung has got a new job, with Swedish Second Division club IFK Västerås.

"My task will be to take the club into the First and it's a big personal challenge," says Sammy who now wants his players to show more of a professional attitude to the game. "Swedish players are very good but they give up football too easily when they leave school," Sammy states.

In IFK Västerås Chung will meet one of his former players at Molineux, midfield ace Maurice Daly who has become an instant hit with the Swedish club.



Uerdingen from the German Second Division have just beaten Bundesliga giants Schalke 04 in the Cup . . . and this fan was so delighted he streaked a lap of honour! I wonder what the photographer is thinking . . .

SHOOT: How did your career begin?

ROSSI: Until I was 16 I played for Cattolica Virtus (virtually Juventus' Tuscan nursery). There, I was with the juniors. It was an amateur club, but well organised at junior level. At 16 I went straight to Juventus and again went right through all the youth teams, up to the threshold of the first team, but I never played a League game. I had various injuries there; three cartilages out, and I broke a wrist too. Two cartilages from the left knee, one from the right, the first only three months after I got there. A series of such unlucky accidents. But I was never in any doubt. I thought sooner or later these misfortunes would end.

SHOOT: Where did you go after that?

ROSSI: On loan to Como, who were then a First Division club, in November, 1975, for seven or eight months. I played six times, but only one full game. I didn't feel too good there.

SHOOT: Then what happened?

ROSSI: Juventus found me another team, which was Lanerossi Vicenza (who acquired a half share.) I didn't play centre-forward then; I was an outside-right. I took it badly when it was suggested I play centre-forward, because I'd always been a right-winger. I played there for the Italy youth team; I even played as a deep lying winger. When they first made me play centre-forward I was perplexed, but gradually I began to settle. Then I got a goal against Cagliari in the Italian Cup, I got one or two in the Championship, and ended with 21 goals in the Second Division. (Lanerossi

Paolo Rossi

Lanerossi and Italy

LAST May, Paolo Rossi, Lanerossi Vicenza's centre-forward, a 22-year-old Tuscan, became the most valuable player in the world when his club outbid Juventus for their remaining half share in him, with a staggering million and a half pounds. Rossi went on to star for Italy in the World Cup Finals. Back in Italy, things haven't been going quite so well. Lanerossi Vicenza made a very bad start to the season, partly because they'd sold key players so they could keep Rossi, partly because Rossi, himself, was badly kicked playing against Dukla in Prague and was out for over a month.

were promoted, but Juventus preferred the Sardinian Virdis to Rossi.)

SHOOT: What were the chief problems in adjusting to your new role?
ROSSI: There's a substantial difference. Centre-forward is a very different thing from outside-right, even if I'm not a traditional centre-forward. I like to roam around, I'm not a penalty-area man, I'm more an opportunist than a battler. I'm not like Pearson, who got that fine headed goal against West Germany. But gradually I adapted.

SHOOT: Then you went on to score 24 goals in the First Division, showing the same remarkable ball control. Have you always worked hard on it?

ROSSI: This is a natural gift. You keep playing, and the more you

exercise something, the better you get . . . but I think these things are natural gifts.

SHOOT: Wasn't it Lanerossi's manager G. B. Fabbri who turned you into a centre-forward and changed your career?

ROSSI: Fabbri is very affable. An admirable person. Human. He never makes you lose patience. He lets you live. A man who's really on the ball. He has been very important to me.

SHOOT: How did you feel when Juventus came to claim you last May?

ROSSI: When it came to the envelopes (the sealed bids) I never thought Lanerossi would have the economic capacity to keep me here. In fact they were half crazy to make such a bid for me. I'd have

willingly gone to Juventus. It's not like going to a club in Sicily like Catania! But I've happily stayed here. I'm at an age when I can afford to wait. I could always go to a big club in later years. I've had my satisfactions here.

SHOOT: Did this three million pound price tag have a big effect on you?

ROSSI: Not really. More than anything, it seemed exaggerated. It's a bit out of proportion to pay that much for a player. There was such an uproar that everybody was shaken by it. So I arrived in Argentina with the nickname *Niño de Oro*, Golden Boy. I always remember arriving in Buenos Aires, there were lots of local journalists, all wanting to talk about these three million pounds, and why so much? There was a bit of a row.

SHOOT: Then would you say your valuation just doesn't affect you in the least?

ROSSI: Not in the least? No, I can't say that. It does certainly influence me a little.



Rossi (left) of Italy keeps close control of the ball as he approaches Argentina's Alberto Tarantini during their clash in the 1978 World Cup Finals.



Second from left, bottom row, Rossi lines up during the World Cup series in Argentina.

SHOOT: When you got to Argentina, did you expect to get a place in the World Cup team, when you weren't a first choice at the time? **ROSSI:** I had faith. I hoped to come in at some time or other. Basically, I was counting on playing in the World Cup, given what I'd done in the Italian Championship, plus the fact certain players were out of form and the papers were pushing my claims.

SHOOT: What emotions did you feel during the World Cup?

ROSSI: Playing against teams which have the best players in the world is always a great experience. I remember all seven games I played as though they were today. Even if we didn't win, we came out of it with our heads held high. Playing at this level you feel sure of yourself. Even if you're not in the best of physical and psychological condition, it helps you when you're on the field.

SHOOT: It's easy to say this after the event, but what were your feelings in the first minute of the very first game against France?

ROSSI: After that first goal by Lacombe? Perhaps it wasn't bad for us. It gave all of us a bit of a charge. From one point of view, it

did us more good than harm. When you let in a goal in less than thirty seconds, everyone feels it. I felt, *Mamma mia*, how badly we've begun this tournament! Then came the will to hit back. The thought of the newspapers, of public opinion. That's one reason why all our players recovered so well.

SHOOT: Who was your hardest World Cup opponent?

ROSSI: Probably the German Rüssmann. We found ourselves in difficulty because they played so defensively.

SHOOT: How did things go back in Italy after your World Cup success? **ROSSI:** It's really been difficult, apart from the fact Vicenza haven't been doing well this year, like last season. We lost games and lost faith. We had a lot of unfortunate incidents. Carrera our sweeper had an injury and stayed out for three months, and I had an injury and was out for 40 days.

SHOOT: And how did the public react?

ROSSI: Incredible. I really didn't expect it. I'd planned to take my holidays in Italy. I kept running around trying to find a quiet place!

● Interview by Toby Glanville.

PERSONAL DETAILS

BORN: Prato 23/9/56

HEIGHT: 5 feet 9 inches

WEIGHT: 12 stone 2 pounds.

FAVOURITE ENGLISH TEAM: Perhaps none really, though there are teams I remember: Manchester United, with Bobby Charlton when he played, Leeds and now Liverpool come to mind. I remember Leeds playing Juventus in the U.E.F.A. Cup Final; 2-2 in Turin, 1-1 in Leeds, and Leeds winning on the away-goals rule. I remember Terry Cooper — very good — a left footer.

OTHER PLAYERS: Individually I like Ray Kennedy very much; and Jimmy Case. He went to Italy last summer for the Golden Boot award. It was tremendously hot, but he was impeccably-dressed all in wool. Goodness knows how he was feeling inside! Then there's Barnes, Coppell. He's very quick. I like him.

FAVOURITE

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS: England are still one of the strongest international teams, not just in Europe but in the world. The fact they were eliminated from the World Cup is incidental.

FAVOURITE POP GROUP: Bee Gees.

FAVOURITE FILM STAR: Dustin Hoffman.

CAR: Red BMW.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Above all to keep playing at a consistent level, which isn't always easy. Not always does the game go as you would like it.

MARRIED: No

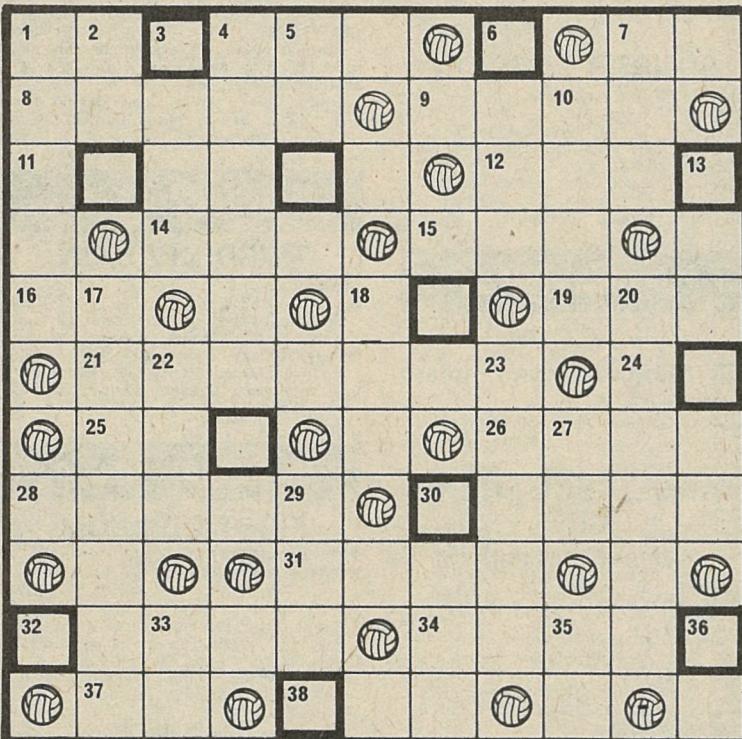
FIANCEE: Simonetta (who knew nothing about football until she met me!).

BROTHER: Rosanno. Two years older than me. He still plays as an amateur for a local club. I followed him into football. He had a year with Juventus as a junior, but he had much less luck than me. He had a different character, perhaps he had less determination, drive, will to succeed. He's a centre-forward, too. Now he works in the same textile house as my father.

FAVOURITE BOYHOOD PLAYER: Kurt Hamrin, the Swedish international right-winger, when my father used to take me to see Fiorentina play, in Florence. Hamrin's still living there.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester United mid-fielder/striker.
Answers on page 46.



- (1) Ross, Everton mid-field player.
- (7) Arnold Mu-r-n of Ipswich Town.
- (8) -lio- -o-rs. A bird from the missing letters.
- (9) Malcolm —, Birmingham City defender.
- (11) Publicly or in full view.
- (12) An injury to a player's foot would cause him to do this.
- (14) Halifax Town's ground: The -h--.
- (15) — Matthews former Chelsea 'keeper.
- (16) The start of the name of Newcastle United's ground!
- (18) Kenny San--m of Crystal Palace.
- (19) Gerry —, Bristol City mid-field player.
- (21) World Cup runners-up 1974 & 1978.
- (24) Kevin --attie of Ipswich Town.
- (25) Take three letters from Sunderland to make "repent of".
- (26) Turn over and over — as the ball along the ground.
- (28) Opposite of better.
- (30) --ppie--w Pa-k (Morton). Song from the missing letters.
- (31) Take four letters from Wolverhampton (and reverse their order) to give "admit".
- (32) -ay L-w-n--on (Chelsea player). Animal from the omissions.
- (34) Unexpected drawbacks.
- (37) Ma--r Road Ground, Oxford United.
- (38) Brian ---tie of Aston Villa.

DOWN:-

- (1) Jogs — between walking and running.
- (2) Sharp blow.
- (3) Mel —, Wolves' striker.
- (4) Terry —, Crystal Palace manager.
- (5) Sole. As in — one goal scored.
- (6) — Park, home of The Valiants.
- (7) Neil W-at-or- (Bolton). Edge from the missing letters.
- (10) Lane; ground of Bury.
- (13) Barry —, Coventry City mid-field players.
- (15) — Futcher of Manchester City.
- (17) If not taken correctly it is awarded to the other side.
- (18) — Allardyce of Bolton Wanderers.
- (20) Geometrical shape of the field of play.
- (22) Jimmy Neigh--- of Norwich City.
- (23) Selected to play against each other.
- (27) Turf Mo--; Burnley's ground.
- (29) Aristocrat from four letters found in Dave O'Leary's surname.
- (30) The — of top-rated players is now very high indeed.
- (33) Ivan --iac of Southampton.
- (35) L-r-e; Irish League club.
- (36) Russell --man (Ipswich). The omissions reversed.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

MONDAY, DEC. 4

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP (Final first-leg)

ANDERLECHT (2) 3 (Vercauteren, Van der Elst, Rensenbrink)

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Case) 30,000

Anderlecht: De Bree; Van der Elst, Broos, Dusbaba, Thissen, Vercauteren, Nielsens, Geels, Haan, Coeck, Rensenbrink.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Hughes, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson (Heighway). McDermott, Souness.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Lee, Edwards)

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Moore, K.) 3,300

Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Henson, Prudham, Bradd, Sumnerbee (Halford), Lee.

Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Broally, Lester, Drinikell (Ford), Mitchell, Cumming.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

F.A. CUP (First Round second replay)

BARNET (0) 0

WOKING (1) 3 (Love, James, Morton) at Brentford 2,570

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Final first-leg)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Young)

BURNLEY (3) 4 (Kindon 2, Noble, Thomson) 10,456

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Steel.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

U.E.F.A. CUP (Third Round second-leg)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland)

RED STAR BELGRADE (0) 1 (Savic) 41,566

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Heeley (Kosmina), Gatting, Stapleton, Sunderland, Rix (Macdonald).

Red Star: Stoyanovic; Jovanovic, Krmpotic, Muslin, Keri, Jurisic, Petrovic, Blagojevic, Savic, Milosavljevic, Boronika.

MAN. CITY (3) (Booth, Hartford, Kidd)

AC MILAN (0) 0 38,026

Man. C: Corrigan; Keegan, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Channon, Viljoen, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

AC Milan: Albertosi; Collovati, Maldera, De Vecchi, Bet, Baresi, Buriani, Antonelli, Napolitano, Rivera (Boldini), Sartori.

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Brown, T, 2, 1 pen.)

VALENCIA (0) 0 38,000

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello (Trewick), Cunningham.

Valencia: Manzadedo; Carrette, Cordero, Arias, Botubot, Bonhof, Saura, Cabral, Kempes, Solsona, Felman (Diarte).

F.A. CUP (First Round replay)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Ferguson) 4,270

Chesterfield: Letheren; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, Proppert, Cammack, Tartt, Fern, Salmons, Walker.

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Stone, Craig, Probert, Ferguson, Walsh, Seal, Wann.

THIRD DIVISION

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Atkins, Griffin) 3,087

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, Holman, Butlin, Anderson (Sargent), Robson.

Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

FOURTH DIVISION

READING (2) 3 (Bowman 2, 1 pen., Kearney)

CREWE (0) 0 4,643

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Kearns (Earles), Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Purdie, Nelson (Dulson), Wilshaw, Robertson.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (0) 0

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Curtis 2)

Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley (Hadley), Polycarpou.

Swansea: Crudgington; Smith, Bartley, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Boersma, James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

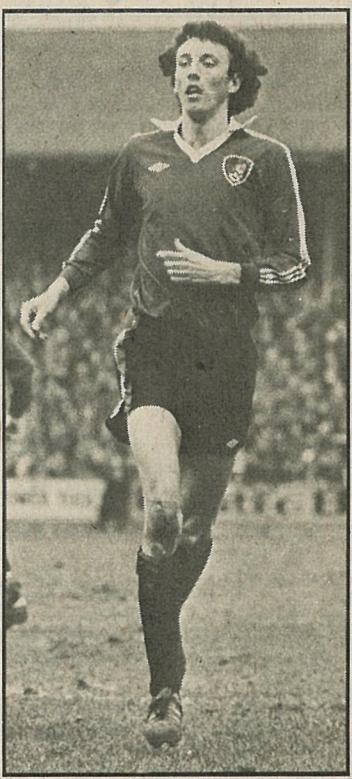
FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Buckley)

EVERTON (1) 3 (Ross pen., Todd, Latchford) 23,391

Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood (Barrowclough), Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Page, Dillon, Francis, Givens, Buckley, Fox.

Everton: Wood; Wright, Pejic, Todd, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Lyons, Thomas.



Tom Ritchie played a vital part in Bristol City's 1-1 away draw against Leeds.

BOLTON (1) 3 (Greaves, Worthington pen., Gowling)

WOLVES (0) 1 (Berry) 21,006

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Walsh, Morgan, Reid, Gowling, Worthington, McNab.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hazell, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Bell, Rafferty, Carr.

CHELSEA (0) 0

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Evans, A.) 19,080

Chelsea: Iles; Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie (Walker), Wilkins (R), Aylott, Bunstead, Britton.

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Evans (A), McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Shaw (Cropley), Deehan, Cowans, Gregory.

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thompson)

Q.P.R. (0) 0 18,717

Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Blair, Holton, Gillespie (Ferguson), Hunt, Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchison.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard (Goddard), Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Roeder, Hamilton, Busby, Harkouk.

DERBY (1) 1 (Daly)

MAN. UTD. (1) 3 (Ritchie 2, Greenhoff, J.) 25,100

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Powell, Moreland, Carter, Clark, Duncan, Caskey, Hill.

Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Thomas.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Flynn)

BRISTOL C. (1) 1 (Royle) 22,529

Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Stevenson, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Thomas, Currie, Harris.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Mann, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack, Mabbutt.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (McDermott 2, 1 pen.)

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0 51,469

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, Needham, Lloyd, Bowyer, Gemmill, McGovern, Elliott, Birtles, Robertson.

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Power)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Viljoen o.g., Boyer) 33,450

Man. C: Corrigan; Keegan, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Channon, Viljoen, Kidd (Owen), Hartford, Barnes.

Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Curran.

NORWICH 0

ARSENAL 0 20,165

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies, Ryan, Hooley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Chivers (Robson), Symonds, Peters.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson (Walford), Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Pratt)

IPSWICH (0) 0 33,882

Tottenham: Kendall; McAllister, Gorman, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hoddle, Taylor.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (Whymark), Woods.

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Regis, Cantello)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 19,795

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.

Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor (Ashcroft), Burns, Cummins, Armstrong.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Radford)

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ryan) 8,046

Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Garner, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brosterston, Radford, Craig, Parkes, Fowler.

Brighton: Moseley; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrence, Ryan, Ward, Poskett (Maybank), Sayer, O'Sullivan.

BRISTOL R. (0) 0

MILLWALL (0) 3 (Chatterton pen., Mitchell, Chambers pen.) 7,112



Millwall's John Mitchell scored one of the goals that helped The Lions beat Bristol Rovers 3-0.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Petts, Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Barry.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Towner, Mitchell, Seaman, Walker, Chatterton.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Hicks o.g., Finney, Biley pen.)

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Young, Chapman, Steel) 4,663

Cambridge: Webster; Corbin, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Garner, Spriggs, Christie, Finney, Biley.

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Gardner, Young, Chapman, Steel.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Evans pen.)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rostron) 7,178

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Thomas, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Buchanan, Bishop, Evans, Stevens, Attley (Pethard).

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Chisholm, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

CHARLTON (1) 3 (Shipperley, Flanagan 2)

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Varadi) 7,048

Charlton: Wood; Shaw (Penfold), Campbell, Brisley, Shipperley, Berry, Powell, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Peacock.

Sheff. U: Conroy; Renwick (Guy), Garner, Calvert, Matthews, Kenworthy, Anderson, Vardi, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

LUTON (1) 1 (Price)

PRESTON (1) 2 (Robinson pen., Baxter) 7,036

Luton: Findlay; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, West; Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrove, Robinson, Potts, Bruce.

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Withe, Connolly)

STOKE (0) 0 23,447

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Mitchell, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Martin, Shoulder, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Johnson, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd (Scott), Irvine, O'Calaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

NOTTS CO. 0

C. PALACE 0 11,011

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

Palace: Burridge; Fenwick, Sansom, Hazell, Cannon, Gilbert, Kember, Murphy, Swindhurst, Elwiss, Walsh.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Grealish, Kitchen)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Fletcher) 4,764

Orient: Jackson; Fisher (Kitchen), Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Houghton, Moores, Mayo, Chiedzio, Coates.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

WREXHAM (2) 4 (Lyons 3, 2 pens., Hill)
WEST HAM (1) 3 (Cross, Lampard, Robson)

15,787

Wrexham: Davies; Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Cegielski, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil (Evans), Lyons, Hill.

West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Martin, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Taylor (A), Robson.

Postponed: Leicester v Fulham

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 4,280

Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Malone, McEwan, Weston (Davidson), Kellow, Jones, Chandler, Sermani.

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley (Sargent), Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, Holman, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Kemp)
EXETER (0) 1 (Roberts) 4,568

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Tait, Hamilton (Lumby).

Exeter: O'Keefe; Mitchell, Hore, Forbes, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Pearson, Bowker, Deive, Hatch.

COLCHESTER 0
BURY 0 2,732

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Downman, Foley, Gough, Bunkell (Dyer), Evans, Allinson.

Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Tynan, Wigginton pen.)
OXFORD (0) 2 (Foley, Hodgson) 2,995

Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Hobson (Harford), Ward, Tynan, Watson, Harding.

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

MANSFIELD (2) 2 (Curtis pen., McClelland)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (McCulloch) 4,003

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis (Wood), Dawkins, Goodwin, Saxby (M), Bird, Martin, Moss, Syrett, Foster (C), McClelland.

Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Cruse, Graham (J), Shrub, Glover, Smith, McCulloch, Phillips.

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Silkman)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins) 11,907

Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, McNeill, Silkman, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Chapman, Forde, Perini, Fear.

Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Train, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Mercer.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Gwyther)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 4,935

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, Proffitt (Dearden), Tart, Kowalski, Simpson, Salmons, Cammack.

SHEFF. WED. 0
CHESTER 0 8,872

Sheff. W.: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Pickering, Smith, Johnson (Wyld), Grant, Portfield, Nimmo, Owen, Hornsby.

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado, Livermore, Howat, Mellor, Phillips.



Bobby Curtis scored from the spot in Mansfield's 2-1 home victory.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Keay)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Westwood) 3,924

Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Chapman, Lindsay, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, White, Westwood, Richardson.

SWINDON (0) 2 (Miller, Carter)
HULL (0) 0 5,697

Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist, Bates, Kamara (Williams).

Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Horswill, Croft, Dobson, Haigh, Lord (Bannister), Warboys, Edwards, Farley.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Penn, Birch pen.)
TRANMERE (0) 0 2,954

Walsall: Kearns; Paul, Caswell, Macken, McDonough, Harrison, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Penn, King.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Cahill, Parry, O'Neil, Evans, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth, Howitt)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Reed) 3,030



Kyle Holmes helped Hereford to beat Northampton at home by a 4-3 scoreline.

ALDERSHOT: Johnson; Edwards (Longhorn), Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Howitt, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, McGregor.

DONCASTER: Peacock; Reed, Hemsley, Bowden, Olney, Bradley, Meagan, Cork, Owen (Lewis), French, Laidlaw.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Walsh o.g.)
YORK (1) 2 (Clements, Staniforth) 3,323

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton (Johnson), Borthwick, MacDougall, Butler (M), Massey, Lennard.

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Wellings, McDonald, Staniforth.

CREWE (1) 1 (Nelson)
BRADFORD (0) 2 (Dolan, Cooke) 1,956

Crewe: Rafferty; Hughes, Roberts (Rimmer), Dulson, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Purdie, Nelson, Wilshaw, Robertson.

Bradford: C: Downsborough; Podd, Watson, Bates, Middleton, Wood, Reaney, Dolan, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Stone)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Moore) 1,967

Darlington: Burleigh; Natress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Walsh, Probert, Ferguson (Maitland), Seal, Wann.

Wigan: Brown (Ward); Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward (Brownbill), Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Houghton, Purdie.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Barker)
NEWPORT (0) 0 3,667

Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Mitchell, Lester, Cumming, Brolly.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Lownes, Davies, Bruton, Vaughan, Thompson, Goddard, Woods (Warriner), Sinclair.

HALIFAX 0
READING 0 1,401

Halifax: Leonard; Hutt, Loska, Smith, Sidebottom, Dunleavy, Nixon, Mountford, Campbell, Kennedy, Johnson:

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Earles, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Ayre)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Denny) 3,098

Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith, Gorry, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Crumplin, Houchen, Loadwick.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins (Knowles), Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Briley, Denny, Cork, Parsons.

HEREFORD (1) 4 (Jones, Holmes, W., Burrows, Holmes, K.)
NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Hughes o.g., Farrington, Reilly) 2,879

Hereford: Hughes; Bailey, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Emery, Holmes (K) Feeley, Jones, Gould, Holmes (W).

Northampton: Jayes; Walker, Mead, Geidmittis, Robertson, Ashenden, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Frogatt (Bowen), Wassell.

PORTRUSH (1) 1 (Hemmerman)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 11,615

Portrush: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Barnard, Pullar.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Branagan, Lillie (Gray), Topping, Sutton, Fletcher, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Wright, Farrell pen.)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Bradd) 3,689

Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Todd, Harris, Hawkins, Chamberlain (Beech), Farrell, Wright, Healy, Tully.

STOCKPORT: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Smith, Park, Fogarty, Henson (Goodfellow), Halford, Prudham, Bradd, Lee.

ROCHDALE (0) 0
BARNESLEY (3) 3 (Bell, Miller, Clarke) 3,136

Rochdale: Felgate; Bannon, O'Loughlin, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Price, Hoy (Forster), Hitch, Esser, Owen.

Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh (Prendergast), Saunders, McCarthy, Riley, Clarke, Graham, Millar, Bell.

TORQUAY (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Kilmore pen.) 2,794

Torquay: Turner; Boulton, Dunne, Davies (Coffill), Green, Twitchin, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Raper.

Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Earle, Keeley, Kavanagh.

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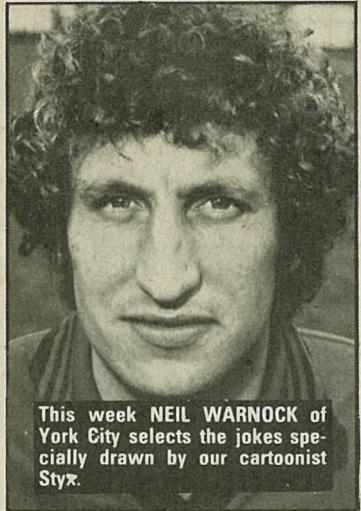
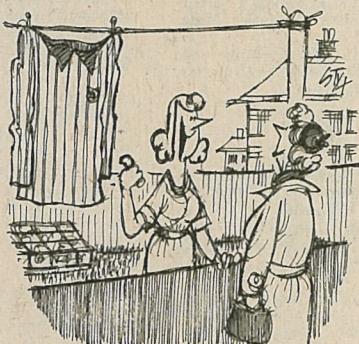
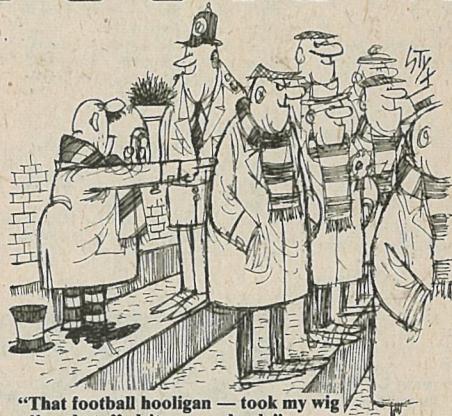
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11 draws?

Have all 11 English First Division matches on a Saturday ever ended in draws?

SEUMAS MCNEILL,
ARGYLL

● Not yet, Seumas; the best is nine — on 18th September, 1948.

And, to the best of my knowledge, this is also the highest number for any English Division.

Ray and Kevin at Scunthorpe

I was interested to read that both Ray Clemence and Kevin Keegan started their League careers with "humble" Scunthorpe. How many games did they play for that club?

PASchal MTUWANA
MALAWI

● Keegan played 120 League games, plus four more as sub, for Scunthorpe before the Liverpool eagle-eye spotted him, Paschal.

And Clemence had 48 League outings in the Scunthorpe goal.

Locked out

My Dad says Bradford City once played behind locked gates — is that right?

SIMON BLYTH,
CUMBRIA

● It is, Simon — and it was a second replay, played at neutral Lincoln, of a Third Round F.A. Cup-tie between Bradford City and Norwich in the 1914-15 season.

Although World War One had broken out in August, the authorities agreed to let the season run its course in as normal a way as possible.

But, when this particular midweek Cup replay came to be played, it was decided it should be behind closed doors so as not to encourage absenteeism from the production of vital armaments at nearby factories.

However, although the official paid attendance was NOUGHT ... it's recorded that a couple of hundred did get in "for free" to see Bradford City get through 2-0.

Aussies hammered 17-0

Is it true England once beat Australia 17-0?

WILLIAM GARLAND,
CHELTENHAM

● Quite right in a way, William, though there is a "but" about it.

It was a game played in Sydney on

30th June, 1951 — and is recorded in some books as being a world record win for an international.

However, technically, the team was labelled F.A. XI — not England — and the Football Association don't officially recognise it as being an international.

In the quarter of a century since, though, soccer has moved on space "down-under" — and it can't be long before the two countries do meet officially.

After all, the Aussies made the final stages of the 1974 World Cup — where they were far from disgraced in tough games against West and East Germany, and Chile.

● Gerd Muller (two) and Uli Hoeneß (two) scored Bayern Munich's goals in the 4-0 defeat of Atletico Madrid in the 1974 European Cup Final replay.

(JOHN KELLY, Co. Cork)

● There were seven Arsenal players in the England side which beat Italy 3-2 at Highbury on 14th November, 1934.

(PETER BOWDEN, Chesterfield)

● Manchester City's Dave Watson is 5ft 11½ins tall and weighs around 11st 7lb.

(J. R. MILES, Rochester)

● Martin Peters played 302 League games (79 goals) for West Ham, and 189 (46 goals) for Spurs, before joining Norwich in March, 1975.

(STEWART WONG, Hong Kong)

SHORT PASSES

● Most goals scored in a Football League match is 17 — Tranmere 13, Oldham 4 (Third Division North; 26th December, 1935).

(CHAUN DAVIDSON, Glasgow)

● Britain's worst-ever soccer disaster occurred during the Rangers-Celtic match at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on 2nd January, 1971, with 66 spectators killed and 140 injured.

(DEREK McANENAY, South Africa)

● The last F.A. Amateur Cup Final was played at Wembley in 1974, with Bishop's Stortford beating Ilford 4-1.

(SIMON THOMPSON, Littleborough)

● Former Chelsea manager Eddie McCreadie gained 23 full international caps for Scotland.

(RAY DAVIES, Sheffield)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



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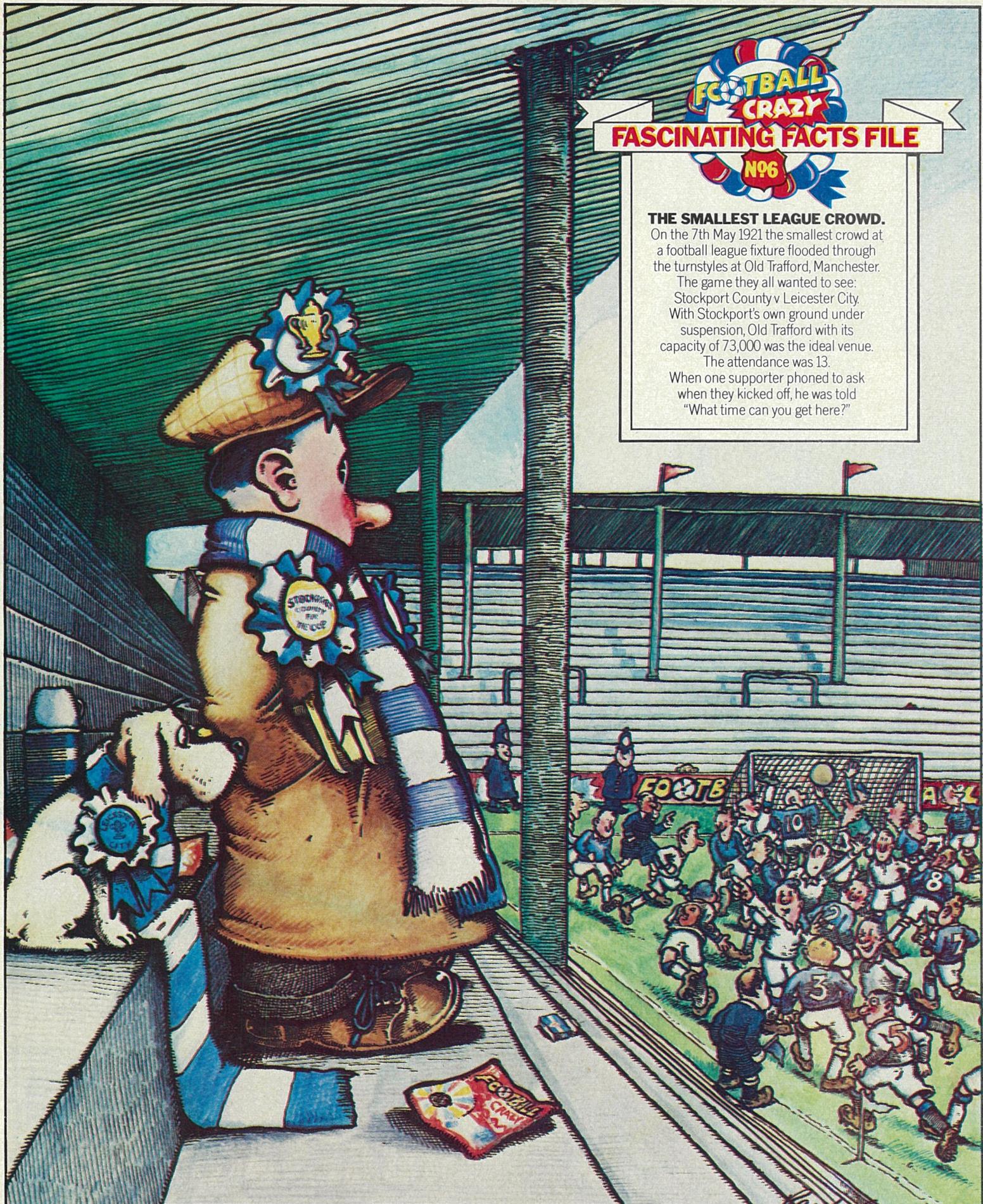
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THE SMALLEST LEAGUE CROWD.

On the 7th May 1921 the smallest crowd at a football league fixture flooded through the turnstiles at Old Trafford, Manchester.

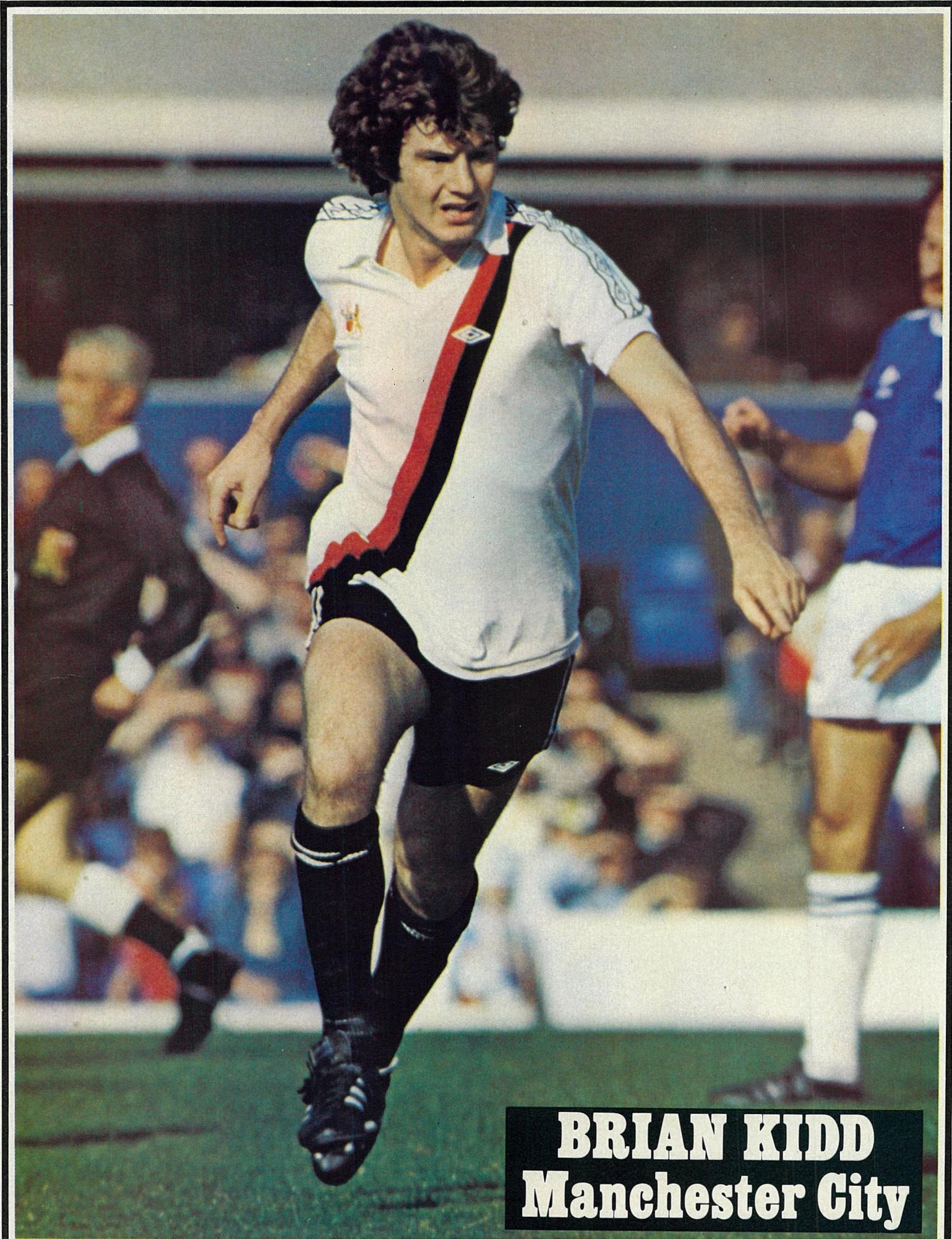
The game they all wanted to see: Stockport County v Leicester City. With Stockport's own ground under suspension, Old Trafford with its capacity of 73,000 was the ideal venue.

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BRIAN KIDD
Manchester City

SHOOT!

FOCUS ON BOB HATTON

Luton



Bob Hatton (left) and Brian Stein celebrate after their goals had beaten Aston Villa during a League Cup-tie.

FULL NAME: Robert James Hatton

BIRTHPLACE: Hull, Yorkshire

BIRTHDATE: 10th April, 1947

HEIGHT: 6ft

WEIGHT: 12st 5lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wolves, Bolton, Northampton Town, Carlisle United, Birmingham City and Blackpool

MARRIED: Yes

CHILDREN: Two — Zoe aged 8 and James aged 5

CAR: Datsun 120Y

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wolves

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Viv Anderson, Forest

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: v. Blackburn Rovers, February 4th, 1978, when I completed my fourth League hat-trick of the season

BIGGEST THRILL: Making my debut for Wolves against Portsmouth in the 1966-67

season, when I scored in 30 seconds

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Leeds and Fulham in F.A. Cup Semi-Finals when playing for Birmingham City

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Tahiti

FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast 'belly of pork'

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing tennis, visiting friends and collecting crates of J&B Whisky

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cigarette smoke and odd jobs around the house

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Rockford Files, Survival and all sports programmes

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Abba and E.L.O.

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: James Garner, Patrick McGoohan and Bette Davis

BEST FRIEND: Len Kinsella, ex Burnley and Carlisle United midfield player

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Mark Crook, Wolves scout. Bob Stokoe and Dick Young partnership at Carlisle

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Disallowed goals and injuries

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None

PERSONAL AMBITION: To return to the Midlands

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To get back into Division One

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I have absolutely no idea

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? My brother who has lived in Canada for the last eight years

Robert Hatton



GARRY PENDREY
Birmingham City

PETER McDonnell was the Liverpool goalkeeper you never saw. He spent four years at Anfield but never played first team football in that period because of Ray Clemence's superb form and consistency.

At big European Cup-ties, McDonnell was always part of the squad; he has winners medals from the European Cup Finals. "At least I have something to remember from my time at Anfield," he grins.

What's it like to be number two to Ray Clemence at a club? How does a player reconcile himself to the fact he has virtually no chance of getting a first team spot unless the man in possession is injured?

McDonnell's story is an interesting one mainly because of the fact he was prepared to hang around simply as cover for the great Ray Clemence. But

the last 18 months had been very frustrating. I had learned a lot and wanted the chance to put it all into practise in first team football. But Ray kept on playing well and I knew I'd never get in. So after all the training I had, I felt I wanted to test myself; see how good I was in a senior side. Oldham came in for me and I was very happy to join them."

Does McDonnell now look back and regret the years he spent at Anfield? After all, if he'd joined a club and found regular first team football as soon as he left Bury, his first club, he could have been an established 'keeper somewhere by now.

"Yes, I could possibly have done something different in that time. But I wouldn't ever say I wasted my time.

"In four years at Anfield I had a

'STAYING AT LIVERPOOL COULD HAVE DAMAGED MY CAREER'

says
Peter McDonnell
(Oldham)

superb grounding in the arts of goalkeeping and I believe it was outstanding experience. I also benefited by learning about the other side of the game — like how to keep your feet on the ground and accept personal setbacks.

"I left Anfield because I felt to stay longer would have damaged the rest of my career."

Oldham snapped up McDonnell and, after a reasonable start, he has found some good form. He says: "I am now fairly happy with the way things have gone. Oldham are a nice little club, very homely and everyone is friendly.

"Of course, it doesn't have the aura of Liverpool but I'm just as happy. I am playing first team football, that is the important thing."

McDonnell admits the decision to make a break from Liverpool was a hard one. But he says: "The last 18 months at Liverpool were frustrating and it was starting to affect my form. Now I'm really happy being a vital part of the set-up, rather than one of the extras."

Oldham finished joint seventh in the Second Division last season so their poor start to the current campaign surprised many.

"We had a lot of injuries early in the season which badly disrupted the side," said Peter. "But we are confident we can climb quite high by the end of the season."

"Liverpool seems a long way away now. And while I have no regrets about leaving, I will always be very grateful to everyone there who taught me so much."

there were advantages, not only to Liverpool but also to McDonnell.

The young goalkeeper says: "I learned a tremendous amount during my time at Anfield. Ray helped me with things and, after all, I accepted when I went there I was going as cover for him."

So at the start of this season after four years with Liverpool, Peter McDonnell made the break — and signed for Second Division Oldham. What had persuaded him to leave England's most successful club of recent years?

McDonnell says: "I have to admit

YOU could be forgiven for thinking the career of goalkeeper Roger Jones had finished a long while ago. It seems many years since Jones was being tipped as a future England 'keeper during his days at Bournemouth and Blackburn.

Yet, the ironic fact about Roger Jones' career is, apart from a handful of matches at the back end of a season, he has never played in the First Division. That, for a goalkeeper of his class and the amount of time he's been in the game, is an extraordinary fact.

A tale of injuries is the probable reason why he never reached the First Division earlier in his career. It has taken him years of sheer perseverance and determination to shake off injuries which might have ended the career of another player less determined to succeed.

The trouble started for Jones when he was at Blackburn. He fractured a kneecap, was in plaster for eight weeks and then, as his comeback was developing, he had to have a cartilage out.

When Gordon Lee left Blackburn Rovers to join then First Division Newcastle United, it wasn't long before he returned to his old club to sign Jones and Graham Oakes.

"But things just didn't work out at St James's Park," said Roger. "I got in the side and played a couple of games but then pulled a muscle in a leg and only returned for the

Newcastle. But just before he went, he fixed up Jones with a move, too... a free transfer to Birmingham City.

Jones had a few days there, liked the set-up — but Birmingham dithered. And when the then Stoke boss Tony Waddington came in for him, Roger decided he might find more success at Stoke City.

He says: "I was nine months at Newcastle and hardly played at all. I reckon I played about five games in all."

But now, at 32, Jones is proving some goalkeepers improve with age.

"I'm now bouncing back after a long disappointing spell," he says. "I had to wait for my chance at Stoke because Peter Shilton was still here when I first joined. But when he left for Nottingham Forest, I got my opportunity and made the most of it.

"I desperately want Stoke to go up this term. The First Division is really the only place to be. The atmosphere, the standard, the class... it's all there.

"I am happy with the way I have been playing this season.

"And I think it's right to say Stoke City's management are delighted with the way we've progressed in the League so far.

"Getting promotion this season and then having a spell in the First Division, will be great for me after all the problems and



Roger Jones in commanding form.

last game of the season.

"I thought things would be improved after that but, two days before the start of the new season, I broke a wrist in training. I was out for about six weeks and then, when I started again in the reserves, I twisted my knee. That wouldn't clear up because I got a lot of fluid on it and it swelled up for about three weeks. Things just seemed to go from bad to worse after that."

Jones' next misfortune was to be at Newcastle at all. Things were happening off the field, the dressing-room was an unhappy place and was hardly conducive to playing good football.

Eventually, Gordon Lee left

disappointments I've had in the last few years.

"I don't know why I've been laid low by so many injuries in the past few years. It's just one of those things, sometimes you have spells like that. You just have to keep going and keep believing in yourself.

"I don't see why we shouldn't go up this season. I don't see too many sides to stop us. There will probably be five teams in real contention at the end but I'm not too concerned about the others as long as we make it."

Promotion to the First Division would really be no more than just reward for Jones after all his set-backs.

ROGER JONES

bouncing back with Stoke

I'd rather win the F.A. Cup than the League Championship or the European Cup.

You might think that's strange but it's true. The Cup is unique . . . there's no other domestic tournament in the world to rival it for excitement, atmosphere or sense of achievement.

Fans and players look forward to taking the first vital step along the Wembley road. Third Round time is when the REAL season begins.

I've never played in a Cup Final, although I was a member of Leeds United's 14-man squad for their Wembley appearance against Sunderland in 1973.

I hadn't been at Elland Road very long. With only half-a-dozen games under my belt I knew my chances of being selected for the Wembley team were nil.

If I remember correctly, Paul Madeley was number five that day . . . when Leeds were sensationally beaten.

Joe Jordan was also starting his Leeds' career and, like me, had just been included by manager Don Revie to complete the squad.

Despite the result, we were thrilled to have been able to savour the atmosphere of the occasion.

At home in Scotland I'd only seen clips of English Finals on TV and really hadn't taken much notice.

But being involved made me realise just how important the event is to people South of the border.

However, there is still a long way

to go before the two teams walk out at Wembley in May.

For many of the smaller clubs, especially those from non-League football, Saturday's Third Round ties will provide their Wembley. This is their one chance of glory . . . to grab some glamour.

For the big clubs like Manchester United, who are always tipped among the Cup favourites from the start, it's a worrying time.

Defeat for the Man. Uniteds at this stage of the competition, especially to a team from the lower regions, is a calamity . . . a shock talked and written about for weeks afterwards.

Managers have even been sacked following a run of set-backs in the Cup.

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Referee Colin Seel does some serious talking to Gordon and David Harvey.



I'd rather be drawn against one of the minnows.

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First Division club should lose to say Rochdale or Yeovil.

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I was involved in a totally unexpected incident in last season's Third Round, when playing for my old club Leeds against Manchester City at Elland Road.

During the game I punched my team-mate David Harvey!

We were 1-0 down and struggling when the ball came into our penalty-area and I made a hash of a clearance.

Dave gave me some verbal, and without thinking I lashed-out at him.

The crowd were stunned, so were the players on both sides. As David retaliated, the referee pulled us apart.

He was as shocked as anyone. "What's going on?" he demanded. "Anymore of those disgraceful antics and I'll send you off."

I looked at Dave . . . and he grinned back. We were the best of friends then and still are. In fact, he and his wife stayed with Yvonne and I a few weeks ago.

I was so ashamed of myself for losing my temper. It's a failing that

has let me down so often in the past.

But that outburst of mine wasn't the only sensation at Elland Road that afternoon.

Near the end, with Leeds on the way to a 2-1 defeat, home fans invaded the pitch in an effort to get the match abandoned.

A few were even foolhardy enough to try and attack City's giant 'keeper Joe Corrigan. The referee called the players off and announced over the public address system that even if it meant staying until midnight, the game would be finished.

It was a brave decision that brought referee Colin Seel a great deal of praise.

The match was completed but it made no difference to the result. Forget the narrow scoreline . . .



Chelsea's Garry Stanley (left) and United's Stewart Houston in League action at Stamford Bridge.

City slaughtered us.

Funny thing was, a few weeks before Leeds had hammered them in the League.

Match-of-the-Day cameras were at the ground, but due to a technicians' strike the BBC were unable to screen highlights of the Cup-tie that evening.

Fortunately, my punch-up with Dave wasn't shown to millions and blown-up out of all proportion.

Leeds suffered because of the pitch invasion, though. The F.A. have banned them from playing at home in the competition for a year.

I suppose that game was the beginning of my disillusionment

with Leeds. From that day on I knew I would have to get away.

Naturally I'm hoping for a better result when United kick-off this season's F.A. Cup campaign against Chelsea.

We beat them 1-0 in our League meeting on November 25th at Stamford Bridge . . . thanks to a Jimmy Greenhoff goal.

On present form United should have no trouble repeating that victory.

Chelsea's problems reached a climax when manager Ken Shellito resigned just before Christmas — and they lost their first match under caretaker boss Danny Blanchflower 7-2 at Middlesbrough.

As I've said, though, the F.A. Cup is full of shocks and surprises and United can take nothing for granted. We must treat Chelsea in the same way we would Forest or Liverpool.

This Third Round tie, with United's big scalp at stake, will give the Londoners the chance to redeem themselves for a poor League season.

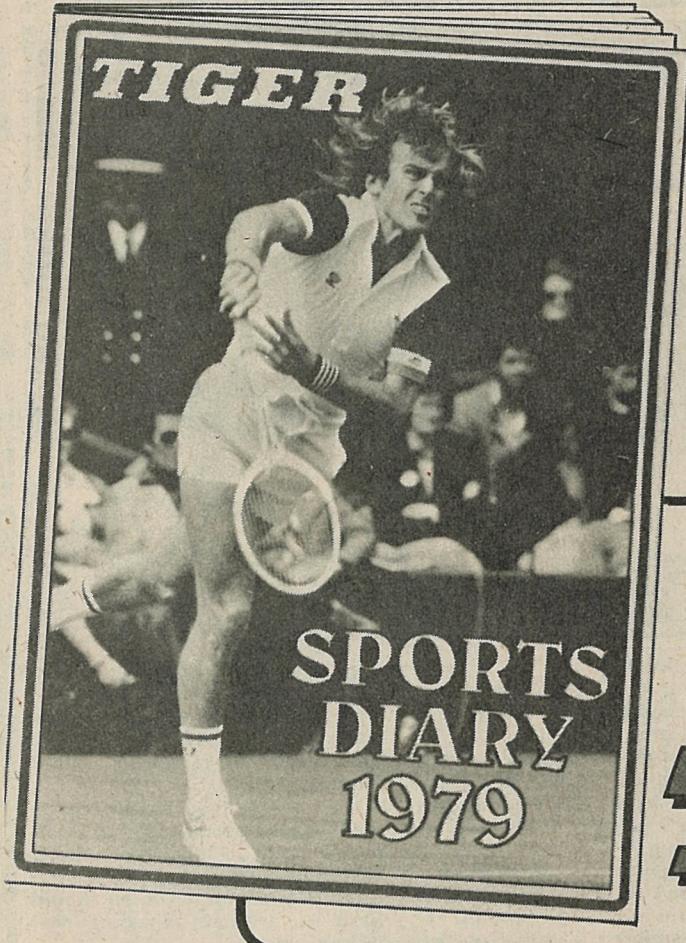
Which teams, United apart, do I think will have good F.A. Cup runs this season? I feel this competition will be as predictable as the First Division Championship race.

Back Liverpool, Everton, West Brom, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest and you won't go far wrong.

If you want me to stick my neck out further and predict the Cup winners at this stage then I'll go for Man. City.

They are traditional F.A. Cup fighters and have done well in the League and U.E.F.A. Cups this season.

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A BELATED Happy New Year greeting to everyone and I hope you are all recovering from the festive fare, you lucky people!

Well, I'm going to do something completely different, as they say on Monty Python's Flying Circus, and move into 1979 by recalling '78. I just hope this year is as successful for everyone at Ibrox.

Last year was great for me at club level ... but not quite at international level. In fact, it was a very eventful 12 months when you consider I also asked for a transfer and then started this season as captain of the club!

Okay, let's look at the first trophy victory of '78 which was the League Cup. We defeated our old rivals Celtic in the Final after extra-time and it was Gordon Smith and Davie Cooper, two players who cost the club £165,000 during the term, who scored our goals in the 2-1 victory.

'ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR RANGERS'

Tartan Talk DEREK JOHNSTONE

Actually, I almost prevented Davie from scoring the first goal. When the ball was cut back from the left-wing I was directly in the path of Davie's shooting vision as he raced into the penalty-area.

I had to move fast to get out of the way of the shot which raged over my shoulder and into the roof of the net with Peter Latchford helpless. Johannes Edvaldsson, who always seems to play fairly well against us, headed in the equaliser, but there were only two minutes remaining of extra-time when Latchford punched out an Alex Miller cross from the right and former Kilmarnock player Smith dived full length to nod in the winner.

Aberdeen chased us all the way in the League race, but we pipped them for the Championship when we beat Motherwell 2-0 at Ibrox and they dropped a point in a 1-1 draw against Hibs at Easter Road.

There were some fine displays from the side during the season, but I reckon our best came against Aberdeen in a League Cup Quarter-Final match at Ibrox. They had beaten us 5-1 at Hampden in the Semi-Finals of the tournament the previous year and had gone on to take the trophy by beating Celtic in the Final.

We were determined to get our revenge and we really tore into them that evening. Everything seemed to click into place as we hit top form. Gordon Smith scored a great hat-trick and I also managed to get on the scoresheet. Alex Miller with a blistering penalty-kick, and Alex MacDonald, with a neat close-in header, were our other scorers.

Aberdeen beat us 3-1 in the second-leg, but there was no way we were going to surrender our five-goal lead. That took us into the Semi-Finals and my biggest fright of the year.

We were playing little Forfar at Hampden and were only seven minutes away from the shock of this or any other year. Honestly, I thought my hair was going to turn white that night!

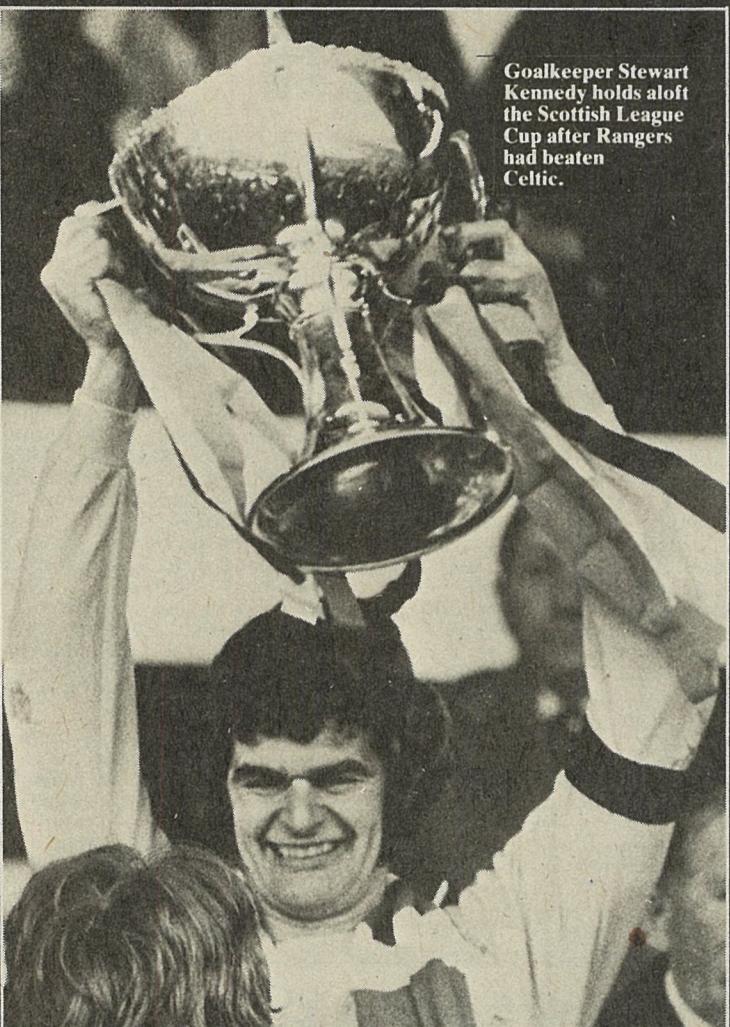
We were losing 2-1 until the 83rd minute when Derek Parlante glided



in our equaliser with an unstoppable header and in extra-time we scored three more goals. So, that took us into the Final, but all credit must be given to the plucky part-timers of Forfar. They really made us fight all the way and gave us one of our hardest games of the year.

We also won the Scottish Cup, of course, and again it was The Dons we met in the Final. It was our seventh meeting with them that season and they had won four of the previous games.

A lot of people reckoned they might even take the trophy, but, honestly, I think we won more convincingly than the 2-1 scoreline



Goalkeeper Stewart Kennedy holds aloft the Scottish League Cup after Rangers had beaten Celtic.

suggested. It was a personal triumph for young Bobby Russell, who had been given his first team chance at the start of the season during the tour of the Highlands.

He made the transformation from friendlies in the Highlands to Cup Finals at Hampden with remarkable ease and composure and he set up our first goal against Aberdeen with a cunning ball into the penalty-area which was superbly headed past Bobby Clark by Alex MacDonald.

And who got number two? Yes, that's right ... yours truly. This time Tommy McLean hit over a dangerous cross from the wing and I got up behind Willie Garner to power the ball high into the net. The Dons got one back near the end through left-back Stevie Ritchie, but there was just no way we were going to allow them an equaliser.

Shortly after that match I was back at Hampden. Only this time I was on international duty and again I scored. The opponents were Northern Ireland and they were leading 1-0 when I got up above Chris Nicholl to head a right-wing cross past goalkeeper Jim Platt.

A few days later and I was once more lining up at Hampden against Wales ... and again I was on the mark. Archie Gemmill sent over a lovely ball and I threw myself at the cross. I connected just right and Dai Davies didn't have a chance as my effort found the top corner of the net.

What a pity the Welsh should equalise in the last minute of the game through an own-goal from Willie Donachie.

I thought I had done just enough to retain my place for the big match against England, but the then-manager Ally MacLeod told me he was going to give the number nine shirt to Joe Jordan. That's football, I guess. I haven't played for my country since that Welsh match. I was in Argentina, of course, but had to watch the action from the sidelines.

Of course, I asked for a transfer just before the trip to South America and while I was over there I was told the manager Jock Wallace had quit before eventually taking over Leicester City. My old mate John Greig moved into the hot seat and we had a long talk when I returned to Scotland.

John persuaded me in no uncertain terms my future lay at Ibrox. Anyway, that was the year that was! I wonder what this one will bring. A European Cup win, perhaps? I certainly hope so . . .

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

DISASTER — if DUNDEE fail again

AMBITION is the name of the game for Dundee manager Tommy Gemmell. He illustrated that when he was a player with Celtic and he is demonstrating it now he is manager of the Dens Park club.

But he is a man who doesn't have to look far for his problems. He knows it could prove disastrous if the once-powerful Dens men fail to make the Premier Division at their third time of trying.

Until a couple of months ago the side looked as though they were going to run away with the First Division Championship. All the talk was of who was going to come second. Things, however, took an unexpected turn just when it looked as though Dundee had at last settled into match-winning and promotion-clinching form.

Clyde beat Dundee 2-1 at Shawfield and Gemmell, after hearing that all the other promotion rivals had also dropped vital points, sighed and said: "Someone up there must like me."

Since then, though, Dundee have hit problems. Players' confidence seems to be ebbing away. Things came to a head when Gemmell arranged a special game to give his team the opportunity of scoring a lot of goals. He was taking a leaf out of the old style textbook of Hungary, who used to

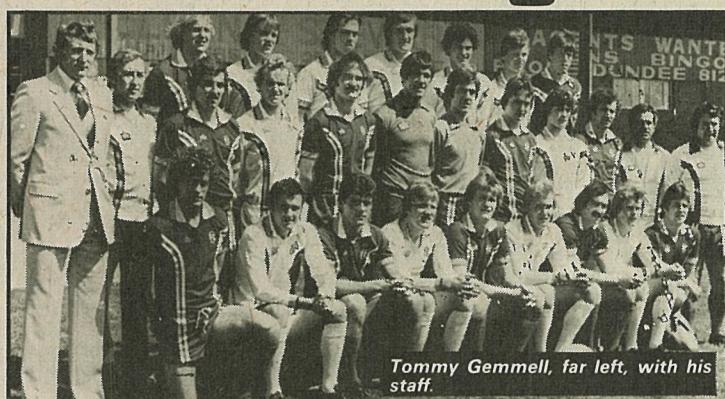
hammer mediocre opposition in an attempt to build up their players' confidence before they played crucial World Cup-ties. It worked for Hungary ... but it didn't for Dundee.

In the specially arranged match, Gemmell saw his team toil and even worse, saw his striker Eric Sinclair ordered off! That cost him a one-match suspension and an angry Gemmell added to the player's worries by fining him.

The next match was a League game against Queen of the South. Billy Williamson fired Gemmell's side into the lead ... and then the rot set in. The Queen's eventually won 3-1, Dundee dropping their ninth point in seven games and to make things even worse former international defender Erich Schaedler was also ordered off!

So, it's abundantly clear Gemmell is a man with problems. The man with the looks of American comedian Danny Kaye has little to smile about at the moment.

Against Queen of the South Gemmell fielded a side he had practically put together himself. Les Barr (Montrose), Schaedler (Hibs), Stuart McLaren (Motherwell), Bobby Glennie (Aberdeen), Willie Watson (Motherwell), Alan Lamb (Preston), Williamson (Dundee United), Jim Shirra (Aberdeen), Alex McGhee (Hibs) and



Tommy Gemmell, far left, with his staff.

Jacky Scott (Aberdeen) all played and they are players whom Gemmell has brought to Dens Park in recent seasons as he has sought to find a winning formula.

Gemmell's massive and many moves in the transfer market haven't had the rewards for which he has been aiming and hoping.

"I've had to revitalise the club," says Gemmell. "I've been looking for players who can do Dundee a real turn. We must get out of the First Division into the Premier. That is our priority, our number one target and we must never lose sight of that."

When Dundee first slid out of the Top Ten they were described as a

"Premier club temporarily in the First Division."

Critics fully expected them to come bouncing back in one season, but it wasn't to be. They came so close last season — as they had done the previous term — but Gemmell and the side had to accept the harsh facts of soccer life and get down to the basics again.

It's going to be a long, hard slog. But Tommy Gemmell has never been known as a quitter. That ambitious drive keeps him going. Will it eventually come right for him and be third time lucky in the promotion bid?

We'll have the answer to that in around four months' time.

JIM CLUNIE'S 'QUALITY STREET GANG'

JIM CLUNIE must have felt like a prospector who had just discovered an unclaimed gold mine when he took over as St. Mirren manager at the start of the season.

He walked into Love Street to find youngsters of rich talents, soccer nuggets of the highest quality. Love Street can now be re-named Quality Street, but it's certainly not Easy Street when opponents try to prise two points from Saints' grasp.

There has been a lot of good news for Paisley fans recently with the revival of their side which was started by Alex Ferguson, now manager of Aberdeen, of course. Midfield dynamo Tony Fitzpatrick

is a player who will definitely represent Scotland at full international level barring an unforeseen disaster.

Two years ago he was a magnificent prospect as rival managers sat up and took notice of him. Now he has matured into a player of pace and perception; a player any club would be proud to possess.

Centre-back Bobby Reid, hit by injury last season, is on the way back to proving that he, too, is a future player for his country. Billy Abercrombie has been included in recent Under-21 pools and we will see the best of him in a year or so.

Clunie watches his team wearing the frown that comes with the

job, but after the game he can allow himself a smile as he thinks of the players he has at Love Street.

"Yes, I had heard of the reputations of some of the players here," says Clunie, the former Saints' centre-half. "That's why I was so happy to get the job in the first place."

"I enjoyed being number two to Lawrie McMenemy at Southampton, but I am ambitious. I wanted a team of my own and returning to Paisley was just marvellous."

After only one game Clunie was mystified by St. Mirren. Why? His young side blasted Hamilton in a pre-season friendly and Bobby Torrance rammed in six goals.

"The records show Bobby played most of last season in the reserves," said Clunie. "If he's a reserve player, I thought, what are the regular first team men like? They must all be brilliant!"

Clunie is settling in nicely at Love Street. He has kept the side ticking over precisely and has got them playing football as it should be played. There aren't many clubs in the cut-throat Premier Division who attack AWAY from home, but one such club is St. Mirren.

"I wouldn't be doing my players any favours if I asked them to adopt a negative approach away from home," says Clunie. "They are geared for going forward. That's the way they want to play. Any other way would be com-

pletely alien to them."

The Saints' main problem position before Clunie arrived was the goalkeeping spot. Donald Hunter, Ally Hunter, Alan McCulloch, who was on loan from Kilmarnock, and Ally McLean were all tried within the space of a year, but still the worry persisted until Clunie had enough courage and conviction to splash out over £50,000 for Partick Thistle RESERVE Billy Thomson, the Scottish Under-21 star.

It was a huge fee for a provincial club and Clunie admits he hadn't even seen Thomson in action. "So many people told me about the boy's ability that I reckoned they couldn't be wrong," he says. "I'm glad to say he hasn't let me down. He has provided us with an answer to our problem."

This Saints' side is certainly going places. Iain Munro, the former Hibs' and Rangers' star now in his second spell at Love Street, and Jackie Copland provide experience at the back while the much-travelled Jimmy Bone gives them penetration up-front.

Billy Stark, the subject of a £100,000 bid by his former Saints' boss Ferguson this season, is another extremely talented youngster who can make and take goals out of nothing.

Keep your eye on the "Quality Street Gang" — they are going to provide an awful lot of people with an awful lot of entertainment for years to come.



St. Mirren's Billy Stark tackles Alex McLeish of Aberdeen.

The contrasting fortunes of two Scottish strikers

In form DREW JARVIE

CELTIC manager Billy McNeill knows all about the qualities of Aberdeen attacker Drew Jarvie. McNeill tried to tame the player on the park when he was centre-half and captain at Parkhead and Jarvie was a striker with Airdrie and The Dons.

McNeill also had Jarvie under his charge during his one-season stay as boss at Pittodrie and describes the player as "one of the most professional in the business."

Jarvie is quiet and unassuming off the pitch, but on the field he is a tiger, working for the entire 90 minutes, sometimes conjuring spectacular goals with breath-taking artistry.

He cost Aberdeen £70,000 when they bought him from Airdrie six years ago. Jarvie arrived with the impact of an exploding bomb to form a wonderful partnership with Drew Busby.

Moved in

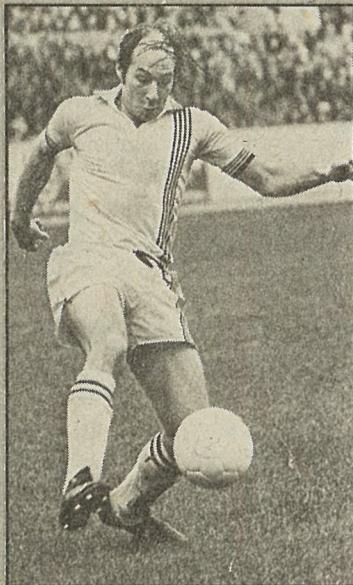
They combined to become one of the deadliest duos in the country. Hardly a game went by without Jarvie, or Busby, or both, scoring.

They attracted scouts from many big money clubs, but before the English could spirit another two quality players away from Scotland, Aberdeen moved in for

Jarvie and Hearts bought Busby.

Many critics thought Jarvie would be less effective without Busby and when he struggled at first to settle at Pittodrie they nodded knowingly. But he proved them wrong.

Jarvie, proving his professionalism, fought his way out of the



doldrums to become a mainstay in the Pittodrie first team. And the goals just flow.

He is an ideal back-up for Joe Harper and Stevie Archibald. He provides them with the sort of service they thrive on, yet still finds time to come through himself to finish-off moves with superb accuracy.

Jarvie has played under the guidance of Jimmy Bonthrone, Ally MacLeod, Billy McNeill and now Alex Ferguson at Pittodrie and he has given each manager 100 per cent effort and dedication.

When Aberdeen won the League Cup three years ago the spotlight fell on Ally MacLeod and Davie Robb, the man whose winning goal in extra-time dumped Celtic, but shrewder judges were glowing about Jarvie's performance that wet and windy afternoon at Hampden.

Spot-kick

He was all over the pitch, in defence, midfield and attack as he worked to get The Dons going. He was penalised in the first-half, for tackling Kenny Dalglish inside the box and the Parkhead player went tumbling. The referee awarded a spot-kick and Dalglish thrashed it past Bobby Clark to put Celtic ahead.

Jarvie may have allowed that decision to affect his form, but responded magnificently. When Arthur Graham dragged the ball across from the left-wing to the right taking Danny McGrain with him, Jarvie quickly spotted that no one had filtered into McGrain's place.

Graham slid the ball in front of Stuart Kennedy who fired it across to the far post and, as goalkeeper Peter Latchford and Johannes Edvaldsson hesitated, there was Jarvie racing in to score an equaliser.

A brilliant goal to illustrate the swift thinking of Jarvie, but he had an even more impressive Semi-Final that season as he helped the Dons hammer Rangers, then the holders, 5-1.

He scored a memorable goal that night, too. A cross from the right opened the Ibrox defence and Jarvie, running in at top speed, hit an unstoppable effort high into the net from 25 yards with the luckless Stewart Kennedy helpless.

There are a lot more goals like that to come before Jarvie decides to hang up his boots and then almost certainly take his special brand of professionalism into a backroom post in soccer.

Some club could be extremely lucky if, and when, he decides to move into management.

Out of touch WILLIE PETTIGREW

THREE short years ago Willie Pettigrew was rated the hottest property in Scottish football.

Pettigrew's name was rarely out of the headlines as he scored spectacular goals. Defences were stretched to cope with the danger from this slight and speedy raider.

That was three years ago when the Motherwell player was valued at a quarter-of-a-million pounds. The Fir Park club thought so much of their star performer they insured him heavily.

Today, Pettigrew is still trying to prove to his critics he can resurrect his form of that season in which he shares the top marksman's title with Andy Gray, then of Dundee United, but now with Aston Villa.

Since those heady days, Willie's form has slumped. This season he suffered the embarrassment of being dropped by stand-in manager John Hagart, but on his first team return he scored two goals against his former club Hibs at Easter Road in a 2-2 draw.

It was a fine performance, rekindling memories of days when the big-money English clubs hovered around Fir Park poised to take his special talents South of the border. In that particular match against Hibs Pettigrew WAS being

watched by an English spy ... Eddie Roberts, of Third Division Tranmere!

There is just no way Tranmere have £250,000 to spend on a striker. Even sadder is the fact Pettigrew isn't rated that highly any more.

What went wrong? Was his super season a remarkable fluke? Can he recapture the lightning reflexes that made him a menace to defences?

Pettigrew is the first to admit he is not blessed with the skills of a George Best or a Jimmy Johnstone. He is a goal-taker rather than a goal-maker. He needs a provider, someone he can work beside, and with whom he can share the load.

Workable

Not since former Liverpool and Coventry star Bobby Graham left Fir Park for Hamilton has Pettigrew formed a workable partnership with any of his team-mates. Mike Larnach was bought for £60,000 from Newcastle and the potential of these two speedy attackers is immense, but, alas for Motherwell fans, they haven't formed a profitable relationship.

It is hardly surprising then that Graham's name has been linked with a return to Fir Park. He is doing a first class job with Hamilton, Motherwell's Lanarkshire neighbours, in the First Division and it is just possible a return to his old club might rescue Pettigrew. But, looking to the long term, the Motherwell star has got to come up with some answers himself.

He is unashamedly ambitious. He has sampled soccer at international level, he has scored goals against Wales and Switzerland, and is eager to win another cap.

Pettigrew isn't saying much these days. He has always preferred to let his impressive goal totals speak for themselves.

Unrest behind the scenes at Fir Park has hardly helped him. Willie McLean and Roger Hynd have left in recent years and he has felt unsettled.

When former Hearts boss Hagart dropped him he wasted no time in recovering form. While the first team was going down to Hearts, Pettigrew was scoring two goals and laying on another two in the reserve side's 6-1 victory over their Tynecastle counterparts.

Pettigrew must continue to work, and show the same courage and determination that brought him respect and international honours.

If he can put his skills together again — defences had better beware.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

The Third Round of the F.A. Cup and the Scottish Cup Second Round ties are scheduled for Saturday, January 6th. See if you can answer the following questions about the two competitions.

F.A. CUP

1. Tottenham Hotspur received a home tie against Altrincham in the Third Round. The non-Leaguers are 20,000-1, 25,000-1 or 30,000-1 to win the trophy?

2. Isthmian League side Woking were the heroes in the Second Round when they travelled to Third Division Swansea City and gained a tremendous 2-2 draw. Were they ever in front during the game?

3. Player-manager Allan Clarke's (right) goal for Barnsley in their 1-1 draw against Rotherham United was his 36th in the competition. It puts him within two goals of the record held by which former Manchester City and Manchester United striker?

4. Swindon Town, Stockport County or Shrewsbury Town knocked non-Leaguers Enfield out 3-0?



5. Former Wimbledon 'keeper Dickie Guy (below) helped which Southern League side to a shock 1-0 victory over Exeter City?



SCOTTISH CUP

11. Cowdenbeath travelled to Fairydean in the First Round and won 2-1, 3-1 or 4-1?

12. How did the all Second Division clash between Dumferline and Albion Rovers finish?

13. True or false? Vale of Leithen were knocked out of the competition at home to Forfar?

14. When do the Premier Division sides enter the tournament?

15. Falkirk defeated Keith or Treave 2-0 to win a place in the Second Round?

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 25,000-1. 2. No. 3. Dennis Law. 4. Swindon Town. 5. Middlesbrough. 6. Swindon Town. 7. Colchester. 8. (a) Tof. 9. 1-1. 10. Brunton Park. 11. (c) Hartlepools. 12. (b) Reading. 13. (a) Hartlepools. 14. Third. 15. Keeth. 16. True. 17. Third. 18. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

compiled by JOHN PYKE

FORMED in 1903, Aberdeen have never played out of the top Division in Scottish football.

They were members of the First Division until the formation of the Premier Division and have gone close in the new competition to winning the title. Yet honours have been few for the club which is the most northerly in Britain.

Aberdeen were formed on the amalgamation of Orion and Victoria United and it took the new club only two years to win admittance to the Scottish League, in time for the 1905-06 season.

In 1908, Aberdeen reached the Semi-Finals of the Scottish Cup



Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson.

and repeated the feat in 1911 when they were also runners-up in the League. But the years rolled by without The Dons winning an honour.

In the 1920's they made three more Semi-Final appearances in the Scottish Cup and another in 1935.

In 1936-37, Aberdeen came so close to glory by finishing runners-up in the Scottish League and reaching the Final of the Scottish Cup only to lose 2-1 to Celtic.

In the last season before World War Two they reached the Semi-Final again.

The first post-War season, however, saw a change of luck for the Pittodrie side.

In 1945-46 they became the first-ever winners of the new Scottish League Cup. A year later won their first Scottish Cup by beating Hibernian 2-1.

By a strange twist, two of the beaten Hibernian side were later to become managers of Aberdeen — Davie Shaw and Eddie Turnbull.

That same term Aberdeen again played in the League Cup Final,

ABERDEEN ...first Scottish League Cup Winners

only this time losing 4-0 to Rangers.

The 1950's saw Aberdeen reach the Scottish Cup Final three times. In 1953 Rangers beat them 1-0 after a 1-1 draw. A year later Celtic just got home 2-1. While in 1959 St. Mirren beat them 3-1.

But the highlight of Aberdeen's history came in the middle of that period when they won their first and so far only Scottish League Championship. That was in the 1954-55 season when they were three points clear of runners-up Celtic.

A season later (1955-56) Dons came close to yet another double. They won the League Cup by beating St. Mirren 2-1, but ending as runners-up in the Championship.

Apart from being second to Celtic, who won 2-0 in the Scottish Cup in 1967, Aberdeen were out of the chase for honours in the 1960's.

The 1970's started off a lot better for the club. They were League runners-up in 1970-71 and 1971-72 and had also been Scottish Cup runners-up in 1970, although it was not until the 1976-77 season Aberdeen became a major challenge to Celtic and Rangers.

They won the League Cup in 1976-77 by beating Celtic 2-1. In 1977-78 they finished two points and one place behind Rangers in the Premier Division and were runners-up in the Scottish Cup, beaten again by Rangers 2-1.

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League Appearances, G— Goals, Sub— Substitutes. Figures are for Aberdeen in the Scottish Premier Division for 1977-78 season.)

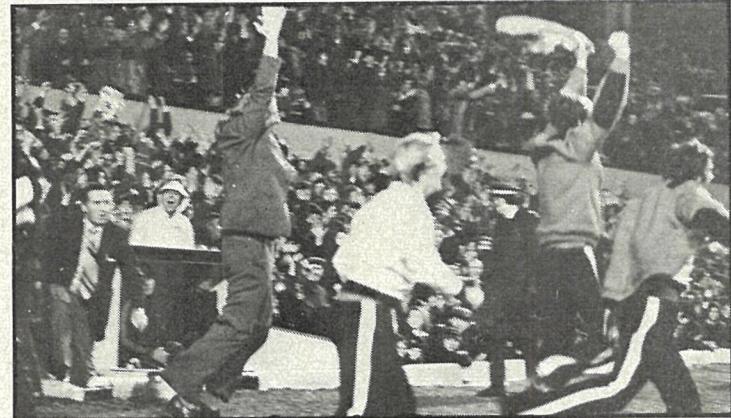
STEVE ARCHIBALD: Striker signed from Clyde in 1977 and has been among the goals for Aberdeen this season. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.9. L.App.— 10. G— 4.

BOBBY CLARK: Goalkeeper with 17 full caps for Scotland and went to Argentina with the 1978 World Cup squad. Signed from Queen's Park in 1965. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.6. L.App.— 36.

IAN FLEMING: Signed from Kilmarnock in 1975. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.8. L.App.— 20 and 5 sub. G— 5.

JOE HARPER: Top scorer again for Aberdeen last season. Signed from Hibernian for £50,000 in 1976. Three

Stuart Kennedy (right) played for Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina. Aberdeen (below) celebrate their League Cup Final triumph v. Celtic in 1976-77.



SEASON OF HOPE FOR THE DONS

ABERDEEN have at least one Final to look forward to as 1979 dawns over the Scottish football scene. By beating Hibernian 1-0 in the Semi-Final of the Scottish League Cup on December 13th they now meet Rangers in the Final. Aberdeen supporters will need no reminding it was Rangers who defeated their side 2-1 in the Final of the Scottish Cup last season.

The League position of Aberdeen is also very promising. In one of the most open Premier Championships for several years and with the Scottish Cup competition just getting under way, it is a season of hope for the Pittodrie Park club.

Scottish caps. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.9. L.App.— 31. G— 17.

DREW JARVIE: Striker or midfielder signed from Airdrie for £70,000 in 1972. Three full Scottish caps. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.8. L.App.— 35. G— 12.

STUART KENNEDY: Defender who played for Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina and won his sixth Scottish cap there. Signed from Falkirk for £40,000 in 1976. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.5. L.App.— 34.

JIM LEIGHTON: Goalkeeper who has impressed when given a regular chance in the Aberdeen first team this season. Signed from Dalry Thistle in 1976. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.9.

ALEC McLEISH: Central defender signed from Glasgow United in 1976. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 10.12. L.App.— 1.

CHAS McLELLAND: Defender signed from Eastercraig in 1970. A Scottish Under-23 cap. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 103. L.App.— 25.

JOHN McMASTER: Midfielder or winger signed from Port Glasgow Rangers in 1972. L.App.— 30 and 2 sub. G— 4.

WILLIE MILLER: Club captain and defender signed from Eastercraig in 1972. Two full Scottish caps. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.2. L.App.— 36. G— 2.

STEVE RITCHIE: Defender signed from Hereford United in 1978. Ht. 5.10¾. Wt. 12.3. L.App.— 9.

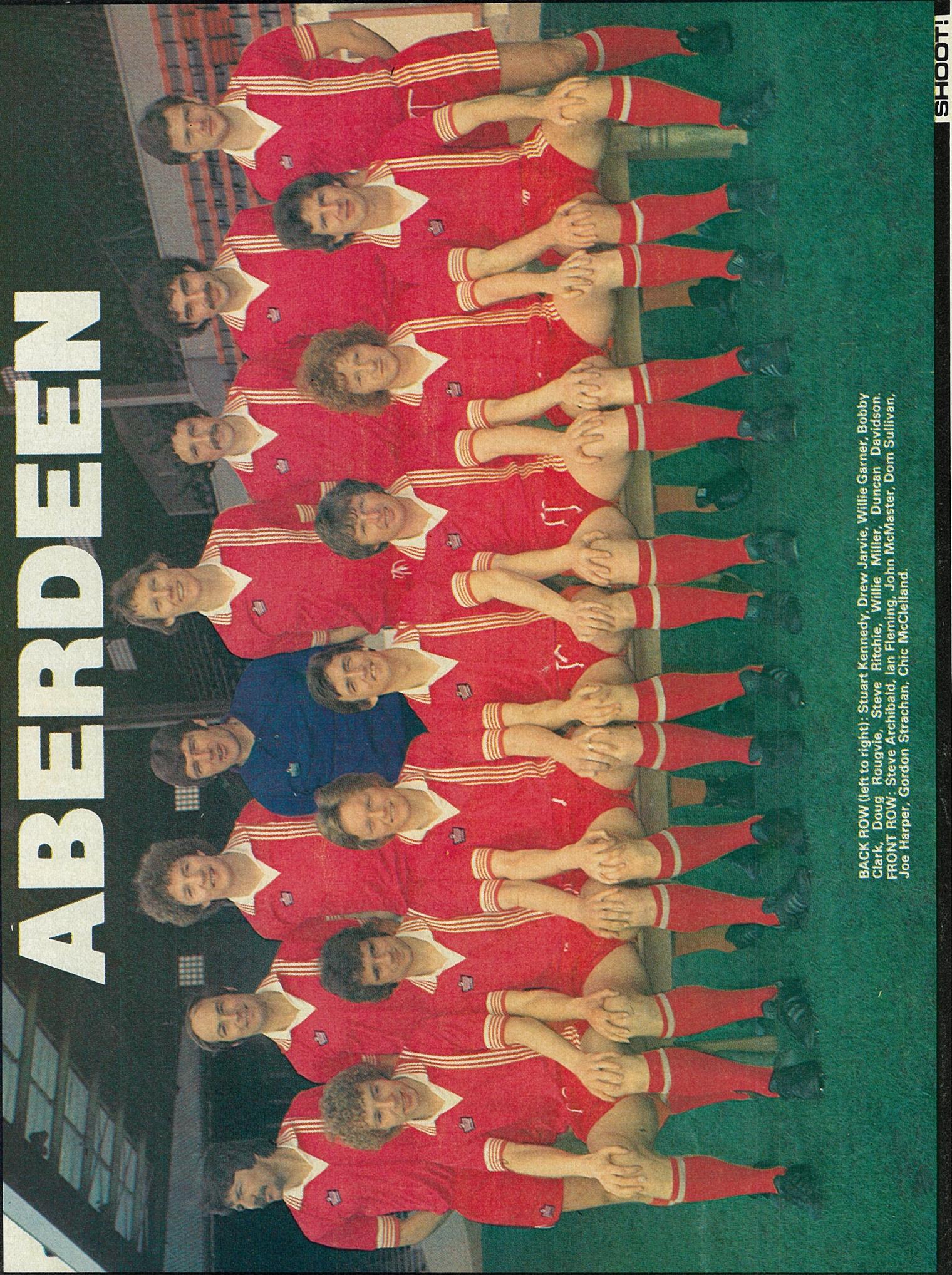
DOUG ROUGVIE: Defender signed from Dunfermline Y.C. in 1972. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 13.4. L.App.— 1.

IAN SCANLON: Winger signed from Notts County in 1978. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.11. L.App.— 1 sub.

GORDON STRACHAN: Midfielder signed from Dundee in 1977. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.5. L.App.— 10 and 2 sub. G— 2.

DOMINIC SULLIVAN: Midfielder or striker signed from Clyde for £30,000 in 1976. Scottish Under-23 caps. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.12. L.App.— 25 and 4 sub. G— 3.

ABERDEEN



BACK ROW (left to right): Stuart Kennedy, Drew Jarvie, Willie Garner, Bobby Clark, Doug Rougvie, Steve Ritchie, Willie Miller, Duncan Davidson.
FRONT ROW: Steve Archibald, Ian Fleming, John McMaster, Dom Sullivan, Joe Harper, Gordon Strachan, Chic McClelland.